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Mayor Thomas avoids Westland Festival like the plague

I hear that 15,000 people crowded Ford Road to watch the magnificent parade. I also hear that Mayor Thomas got out of town in time to miss the parade and the Westland Festival, which thousands more attended and enjoyed.

It's obvious that a mayor belongs at a major hometown celebration. It's not obvious why Westland's mayor avoided the parade like the plague.

No respect to be gained from outsiders in power suits

Canton is the Rodney Dangerfield of municipalities. It gets no respect.

If the tax abatement is large enough, transnationals will place an occasional warehouse in the township, but few will invest much else, certainly not any neighborly feelings or community connections.

Take Toys R Us. They're taking a hike from their box on Haggerty Road, abandoning 150 workers and a large empty building.

The township will never be respected dealing with outsiders in power suits. It would gain more respect from local business people who have one eye on their bottom line and the other eye on the community's health.

Which Thomas rules, the Mayor or his new young bride?

Your article, "Thomas rules" (in the June 2 Westland Eagle) was partly true; McNamara is Thomas's [dog]. But I'm not sure which Thomas rules, the Mayor or his new young bride.

In record time, Mrs. Mayor climbed up the rungs of power. As purchasing agent, she somewhat controls the city's purse strings.

But the Mayor is no better off at city hall than he was before he met her. So I ask, which Thomas rules?

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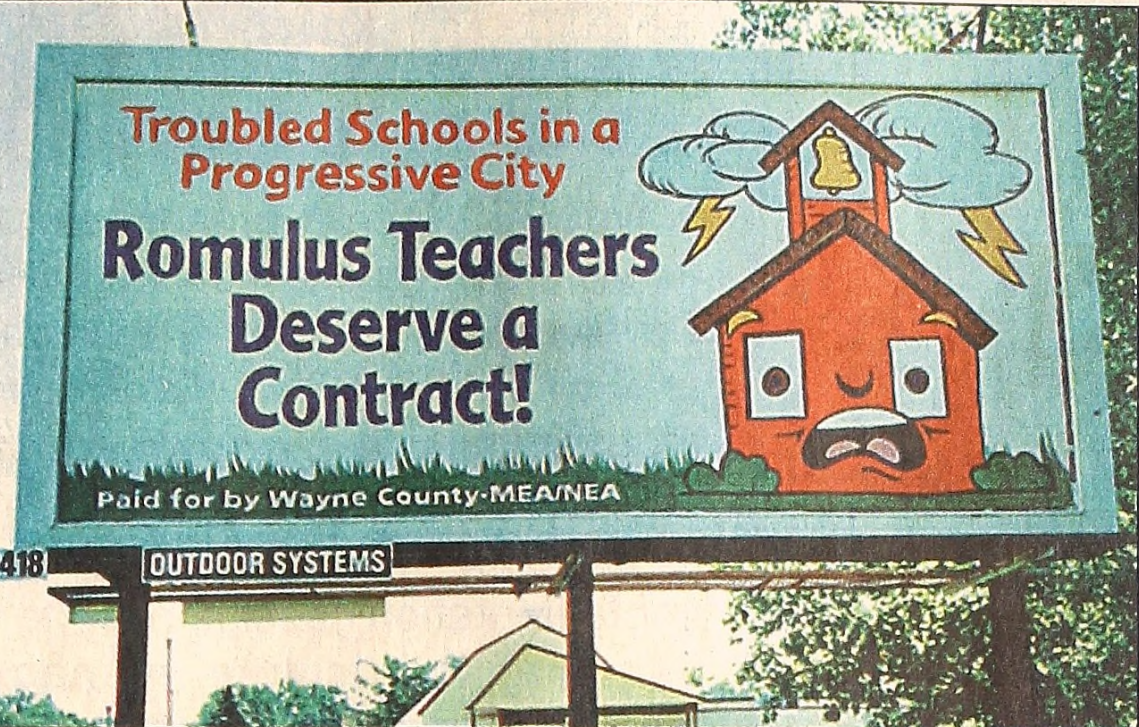
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Keeping posted

School may be out for the summer, but Romulus teachers refuse to let the local school administration forget that they have been working without a contract for the last few years. It is expected that the contract issue will arise on Monday when two new school board members, Debbie Dick and Alan Lambert, join the elected officials. MCN Special Photo

Updated ambulance service slated to begin on Monday

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

The new Advanced Life Support ambulance system service approved in May by the Romulus City Council will start at 8 a.m. Monday, Fire Chief David Allison reported Tuesday morning.

Allison said informal discussion sessions will be held soon between representatives of Community Emergency Medical Services and his firefighters so that no communications problems develop in the future.

In addition, Allison and this writer will meet shortly to develop a plan to help educate the public on what the change in ambulance services will mean to the public.

A story or series of stories will follow that meeting.

A change in ambulance service options developed after former Romulus School Board President Dan Bales and his wife, Carole, appeared before

When the new system begins next Monday, Allison said, the ambulance unit will carry more medical supplies and drug boxes and the emergency medical teams will be more experienced and be able to administer IV's prior to transporting the patient to the hospital, if needed.

the City Council urging that the service be upgraded.

Bales explained his version of what occurred when he was stricken with a heart attack at home last year.

Allison, who said he would work with either ambulance service style, reported he preferred the former type because of Romulus unique geographic location between Heritage Hospital in Taylor and Ann Arbor Hospital in Wayne.

The former system allows the ambulance teams to get the patients to the hospitals and expert care much quicker, he said.

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Masse asks Basham for debate

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Grassroots Democratic State Representative candidate Don Masse (pronounced Mas-sa) is challenging incumbent 22nd District State Rep. Ray Basham (D-Taylor) to a debate before the August primary.

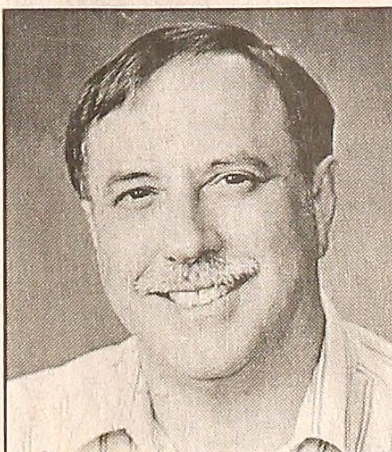
Appearing at the Romulus City Council meeting Monday night, Masse declared he is not for "a small elite group telling you or me how to vote."

He added a call for a debate with Basham, so "he and I can

give the voters a choice between two diverse views of government."

Masse has taught school for 32 years and currently works in the Wayne-Westland school district. He said he and his wife, Nancy, have four children who have graduated from Taylor Truman High School. Masse graduated from the University of Detroit in 1965 and earned his M.A. from Boston College in 1969.

Persons seeking more information on his candidacy should page him at 313-691-6048.



Donald Masse

City-owned tent stolen

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Romulus holiday revelers were treated to hours of fun over the July 4th weekend, but city officials discovered early Monday morning that someone stole a large 20 by 40 foot green and white city tent.

Police were told that the tent was taken sometime bet-

ween 8 a.m. Sunday and 7:30 a.m. Monday.

Any one with knowledge of the theft is urged to call the city's detective bureau at 942-6856.

The weekend holiday events began with the city parade at 6 p.m. Friday as scores of area residents, groups, political candidates and even paraders on horseback enthralled those standing and

seated at curbside on Goddard road.

The usually good spirited waterball fight between Romulus Firefighters was won by a combined team of firefighters from Station 2 and 4. The other two teams were composed of firemen of Station 1 and 3.

Winners of the homerun derby and softball tourney will be published soon.

Police to get new cultural diversity classes

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

The entire staff of the Romulus Police Department (sworn officers and support staff) will undergo an intensive cultural diversity training program...as a result of complaints pressed against city police at a City Council meeting on May 4.

Police Chief Charles Kirby revealed Tuesday that the department had a somewhat similar program last year offered by a different company. This year's classes will be offered by Theresa M. Cross, Ph. D. and Associates and conducted by John Mitchell (a former lieutenant in the executive division of the Wayne County Sheriff's Department) at a cost to the city of \$3,600.

Cross and Associates state Mitchell is "articulate, experienced, poised and dynamic."

The department staff will be divided into three groups, Kirby said, so that every department employee will undergo eight hours of lectures and other class activities.

A separate series of classes for local officers is planned later this summer on updating them on current criminal laws, Kirby said.

Back on May 4 a group of African-American residents, mostly from Romulus, appeared at a City Council meeting to complain that they had been victimized by Romulus police in recent months.

The worst alleged incident was reported by a Romulus woman, who claimed police threw her into a ditch, injuring her arm when she ran out of her house to inquire why police had stopped a car bearing her two sons.

Others claimed they had been repeatedly stopped by city bike police and forced to exit their cars, prior to officers searching their vehicles allegedly for possible drug possession.

The protesters inferred they were only stopped by police because of the color of their skin.

Days after the verbal charges, Kirby, Mayor William Oakley and Mayor pro tem Randolph Gear met with most of the protesters and the city officials agreed at that time that additional cultural diver-



Police Chief Charles Kirby

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sity classes needed to be conducted for local law enforcement officials.

(Ironically it was revealed that one of those who spoke out forcefully about police actions that night, has since been arrested on a murder charge in Inkster.

The accused killer, Michael Anderson, was to appear in 22nd District Court of Inkster yesterday on second degree murder and felony firearm charges in connection with the shooting death of Dajuan Davis.

Inkster police list Anderson as a resident of Taylor.

Visiting Judge Joseph Burtell was to decide whether Anderson would stand trial on the charges of not.

Since the hearing was held after the Michigan Community Newspapers deadline for this week's edition, the results of the Anderson hearing will appear in next week's newspaper.)

Rita McLaren back following surgery

Rita McLaren, long-time administrative aide to Romulus Mayor William Oakley, is back on the job after 10 weeks of recuperation following extensive hand surgery.

McLaren, considered to be the "Della Street" of political aides because of her strong professional attitudes and skills, had three hour surgery several months ago to repair the bone damage caused by years of arthritic problems.

Hours after returning to the Mayor's office on Monday, McLaren said she had a great deal of therapy following her operation.

Now it is just a matter of getting to use her repaired fingers for day long writing requirements, since the operation was on her right hand.



Rita McLaren

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Seniors on the go

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Olympics coming

Once again Romulus senior citizens are being urged to attend this year's Downriver Senior Citizen Olympics -- slated for Aug. 3-7 in Allen Park. Romulus Senior Citizen Center coordinator Linda Norman is urging Romulus citizens to turn out that week to cheer on their Romulus olympic stars. Shown at last year's olympics are from left Clara Drogos, Shirley Mills, Sylvia Dubisky and Paul Dorman. MCN Special Photo

College invites seniors to join in family fun day

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Area senior citizens are being invited to take part in the Wayne County Community College District's annual family fun day at the school's western campus at 9555 Haggerty road in Belleville.

The activities will continue from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. July 25 including free music, dancing, food, magic show, marching bands and bingo games.

Also tours of the college campus will be offered.

For more information call 734-699-0200.

Romulus Crime Prevention Officer Joe Richardson and Senior Citizen Coordinator Linda Norman are reminding

residents about the annual "National Night Out" program on Aug. 4.

In addition to a dinner, senior citizens will be invited to listen to the music of Willie Hester, join in various types of amusements such as a hay ride and "Las Vegas Moments."

There also will be a dance contest, frisbee and ring tossing contests, a basketball shoot, darts and a dunk tank program.

A free toning and stretching exercise class is now being offered Tuesdays and Fridays at 9:15 a.m. at the Romulus Senior Center.

Loose clothing is urged and those not used to physical exertion are urged to contact

their doctors before taking part.

Romulus Senior Citizen Coordinator Linda Norman will be a guest on Mayor William Oakley's Mayor's Chair cable program at 6:30 tonight. Norman will be discussing the new home chores services program available to senior citizens and other issues.

The Romulus Horse Shoe Club is now seeking new members. Group meets Tuesday evenings at Elmer Johnson Park in Romulus. For more information call James Norville at 422-7530.

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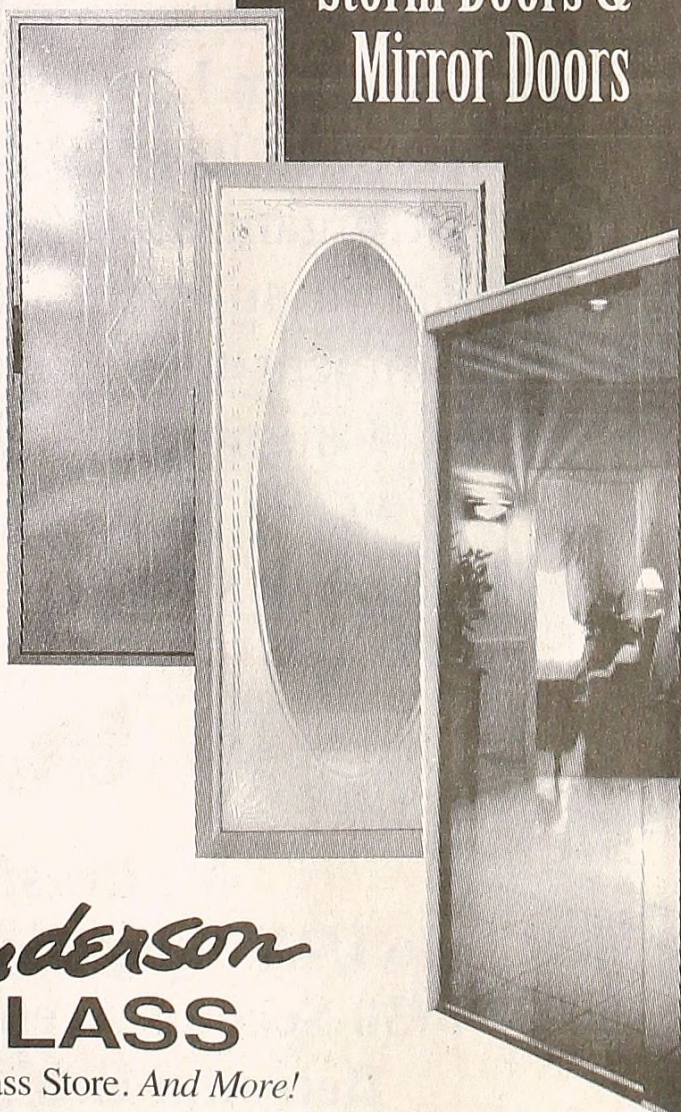
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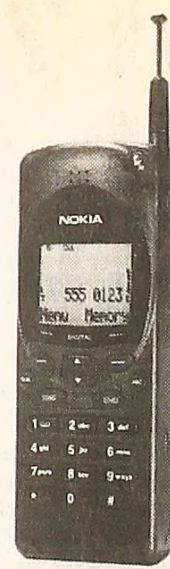
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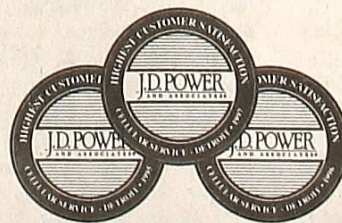
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Police Beat

MICHIGAN COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS

By RITA BEDELL
Police Beat Writer

VanBuren Reports

Van Buren police were called to the Bayshore Condos by concerned residents who reported 2 suspicious men in the complex with flashlights on June 26 at 11:34 pm.

Police arrived, questioned the men, only to find out they were fishing.

Larceny from a vehicle was reported on June 26 from the Van Buren Estates.

Caretakers at the Pine Creek Country Club reported hearing suspicious noises at 2:59 am.

Police went to the Club and discovered the noises were actually high winds.

Canton Police made an arrest on June 26 at 3:15 pm for a warrant held in Van Buren.

Van Buren officers picked up the fugitive and lodged him at their jail.

An accident was reported at Van Born and Belleville Roads on June 26 at 4:07 pm.

An assault and battery call was received from Protech on June 26.

Police arrived, a report was made. No arrests were made.

Three domestic disputes were responded to on June 26.

The first call came from the Willow Creek Market. No report was made upon arrival as the man left the scene without further incident.

The second call was from a home on Jackson Street. A report was made and the parties separated.

The last call was from the same Jackson Street address. This call was for physical domestic problems and an arrest was made at the scene.

A house fire was extinguished by the fire department in June 26 at 6:39 pm.

An arrest was made after a traffic stop on Rawsonville Road revealed the driver had an outstanding warrant.

A call from the Super 8 Motel asked for assistance on removing an unwanted guest.

Police arrived, the guest left.

The Michigan State Police post in Ypsilanti made an arrest for a warrant held by Van Buren Police on June 26.

The man was picked up and lodged at Van Buren facilities.

Someone called from Belleville Manor and reported a reckless motorcycle driver.

Police searched the area but came up empty handed.

Officers were called to a residence in Parkwood for a verbal fight.

Police responded and stopped the fighting.

Someone called from the Cape Condos to report a suspicious situation.

The persons under suspicion were told by officers to leave the complex and not to return.

Van Buren officers called Wayne County Roads to remove a dead animal from west bound Ecorse Road.

A domestic problem sent officers to a home on the S. Service Drive on June 27 at 5:50 am.

The man left the home without further incident.

A woman on Huron River Drive caused someone to call officers for strange behavior.

Turned out the woman was intoxicated and she was transported to Annapolis Hospital for treatment.

Callers stated that a transformer was smoking at Denton and Michigan.

A breaker had blown. The smoking stopped.

An arrest was made at Meijer's on June 27 at 7:47 am due to retail fraud.

Police were called to settle a neighbor dispute on Bayshore on June 27.

Detroit Edison was called by Van Buren officers after a transformer blew on Bell Road, S. of Ecorse.

A verbal domestic dispute sent officers to a home on Oaklane on June 27.

When police arrived, the woman had left the home.

Someone called from Light-house Point to report a suspicious situation.

Turned out the female suspect lived there.

A personal protection order was violated at a residence in Village Green.

The suspect left the complex before arrival.

Several larcenies were reported on June 30 in Van Buren Twp.

The first was from a car in Archwood Apts.

The next was for vehicle destruction on Michigan Ave.

The next was for larceny of a car in the 30 block of Oak Lane.

A wallet larceny was reported from Savage School.

The last larceny was reported from the 7200 block of Country Lane.

A disorderly person had to be removed from the Super 8 Motel on June 30.

Someone tried to fraudulently use a credit card at a location in the 10000 block of Oaklane.

A mini-storage unit was reported as broken into on July 1. Police found no evidence of a break in.

An assault and battery was reported in the 2000 block of Rawsonville Road.

No evidence was seen in this charge.

A home in the 6000 block of Victoria reported malicious destruction of property.

An emergency call came from a home on Belleville Road of a person having trouble breathing.

The person refused medical attention.

A domestic problem sent officers to a home in the Van Buren Estates on July 1 at 7:27 pm.

Someone reported shots being fired in the area of Belleville and Ecorse Roads.

Officers responded to the call immediately but found no evidence when they arrived.

Canton Armed Robbery Reported

On June 30 at 12:23am, Canton Police Department received an emergency call from the 7-11 Store located at 43340 Warren Road, at Morton Taylor.

The caller stated there had been a robbery at the location.

The suspect walked into the store and went to the beer cooler taking a 40oz. Budweiser to the counter. The suspect requested Kodiak Tobacco and a carton of cigarettes.

The suspect then said to the clerk "Do you want to die for 7-11? I want the money from the register!"

The clerk did not see a gun so he locked the cash register and removed the key.

At this point, the suspect left the store and the clerk followed him to a small black foreign car parked in the lot.

The clerk said the suspect kept grabbing the small of his back, as if he had a gun.

The suspect left the store north bound on Morton Taylor. The clerk stated that he left without paying for the beer. No weapon was actually seen by the clerk.

Canton Police patrol officers investigated several leads to the incident. The case is under investigation and is assigned to the detective bureau.

The following listed complaints were handled by the Canton Police Department during the July 3, 4 and 5 weekend.

Two breaking and entering, 6 assault and battery calls, 7

traffic accidents, 6 accidents with injuries, 18 Civil/family problems, 35 alarms, 9 larcenies, 7 malicious destruction of property calls, 2 stolen cars and 38 fireworks complaints.

This does not include every run and certain traffic stops.

A total of 342 complaints were responded to.

Alarm complaints continue to rise. Canton Police respond to over 10 false alarm complaints each day.

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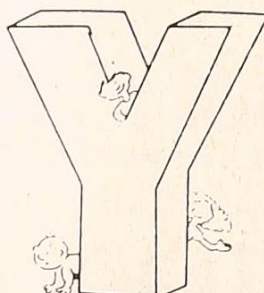
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Local Church News

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New pastors begin local duties

By AL POST
 MCN Staff Writer

Numerous pastors took over their new church duties this past Sunday, following their predecessors who have left for new ministerial responsibilities.

One pastor, John Grenfeld III and his wife, Renee, began their services at the First United Methodist Church of Belleville on July 5. Grenfeld challenged his congregation with a sermon entitled "Putting Bells in the Belleville Steeple!"

The 44-year-old pastor and father of five children recently finished five years as leader of the First U.M. Church of Menominee, before arriving late last week in Belleville.

Grenfeld, who studied at Asbury Theological Seminary in Tennessee, expressed great admiration for classic Methodist theologian Dr. E. Stanley Jones, declared Monday "the church is about eternal business."

He plans to stress an extensive Discipleship Bible Study program, vital church prayer efforts and Christian youth spiritual adventures.

Grenfeld also revealed that he is a strong believer that



John and Renee Grenfeld

The large new young church family has created a need to enlarge and remodel the church's parsonage. The children include: Neal, 17; Julianne, 14; Kathleen, 8; Laura, 7 and John IV, 5.

They expect to move into the parsonage sometime this month.

Pastor Bill Kren, formerly of the Cherry Hill Evangelical Church of Inkster, began his efforts on Sunday at the Community United Methodist Church of Romulus, replacing the Rev. Brad Lewis.

Kren, who said he took a working sabbatical for about a year serving in the secular world at a Livonia car dealership, said earlier moving to Romulus is like "coming home" since he and his family formerly lived in the Taylor area for about 10 years.

A new commander also was installed Sunday night at the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, as Lts. Charles and Betty Yockey, were sworn in, following the transfer of former local commander Capt. Mark Welsh and his wife, Sue, were transferred to Minnesota.

The Yockeys just recently finished a two year leadership training school in Illinois.

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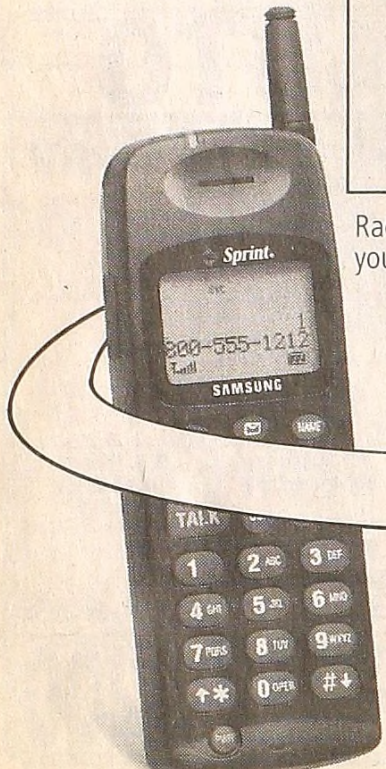
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Clothes to aid those in Ghana

By AL POST
 MCN Staff Writer

Approximately 1,000 pounds of clothing has been shipped to Ghana by the Romulus Community Baptist Church, the Rev. Hiram McBurrows revealed on Tuesday.

The church sponsored their second annual clothing drive during the months of December 1997-March 1998 and then decided to expand its efforts by sending clothing items to Ghana.

McBurrows has long stressed the church's missionary based philosophy. "Spreading the good news of Jesus is not an option for

Christians to consider," he said.

"It is a command for us to obey. We must learn to go wherever there are people who need to hear a message of hope. Although we live in a very diverse society, we are unified through Christ," he added.

The 1,000 pound package of clothing was sent to Accra-Kaneshie in Ghana on July 2, McBurrows said. Helping McBurrows to make the drive effort so successful, he said, were personnel from the U-Haul Truck Rental and Storage, the Inkster Postal Service, the Willing Workers Committee headed by Bernice Robin-

son and Juan Brafford, liaison to Ghana and chaplain at the Inkster Fire Department.

McBurrows also announced the church will embark on a November medical mission to Haiti. The pastor has conferred with physicians at Detroit Receiving Hospital and discussed the importance of employing their expertise on this mission.

Those interested in making contributions to the mission should send them to the Romulus Community Baptist Church, 6200 Fourth St., Romulus, MI. 48174. Or they can contact McBurrows by calling 734-729-0630.

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People you know

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Two Wayne sisters, **Jennifer and Laurie Bader**, will again receive \$800 annual Catholic Student Awards from Madonna University in Livonia. The awards are renewable for four years (a total of \$3,200).

The award is given to incoming freshman, who are active Catholics wishing to combine a strong quality education with additional Catholic leadership training experience. Recipients must maintain a 3.0 grade point average.

Jennifer Bader, a sophomore, is majoring in psychology and Laurie Bader, a senior, is majoring in nursing.

Other area recipients of the financial award are Westland resident and junior Debra Hayden, who is studying psychology, and Adriana Acosta of Canton, a sophomore who also is studying psychology.

Frank Ward of Canton won \$900 at the July 4th Michigan Lottery's *Road to Riches* TV program on July 4th.

Ward, a car salesman at John Rogin Isuzu Buick in Wayne, said "patience paid off" when he was selected as a show contestant.

A father of four girls, Ward



Jennifer Bader

said he will put his winnings away toward a land purchase. He enjoys interacting with his daughters, going camping and collecting sports cards.

Molly Meyer on Canton has been selected for membership in the Ball State University's Student Leadership Development Board.

Meyer is a senior majoring in organizational communications and minoring in pre-professional English. She is the daughter of Michael and Kathleen Meyer, also of Canton.

The SLD board consists of 16 campus leaders, whose common goal is to use their own leadership qualities to enhance the leadership qualities of fellow students.

The board hosts two major leadership conferences each year, one in the fall for high school students and the other in the spring for Ball State students.



Laurie Bader

Tamara Jex of Belleville, who recently recorded a single vocal *Grow Strong, Stand Tall* in association with MiCops, is now in the high spirited musical show, *The Goodtime Oldies Musical Revue* on the Michigan Star Clipper Dinner Train.

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Khalifa-Hester wed

Two Romulus city employees, **Hafeeza Khalifa** and **Willie C. Hester Sr.**, were married on May 23, 1998 at the Romulus Civic League with 150 persons witnessing the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of **Abdur-Rahim and Sabreen Rashada** of Saginaw, while the groom is the son of **James and Mattie Hester** of Romulus.

Hester is a 1966 graduate of Romulus High School and his wife is a 1969 graduate of Saginaw High School.

The maid of honor was Am-

eerah Khalifa, daughter of the bride, and the bestman was **Willie C. Hester Jr.**, son of the groom.

Horace Hester, brother of the groom, served as an usher. The wedding ceremony was officiated by the bride's father, **Iman Abdur-Rahim Rashada**. The bride was given away by her brother, **Maurice Tate**.

Bride wore an Afrocentric gown created by the bride (ivory, gold and black) matched with an ethnic veil and train.

The couple's song was *For You* sung by the groom's sister, **LaVonne Sledd**.



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Florida fires made July 4 a nightmare

This is the season for hurricanes in central Florida. Unfortunately the area hasn't seen a drop of rain in 110 days, and a new threat, wildfires, have devastated the forests, swamps and in some cases, homes that proliferate the area.

This was the backdrop for my weekend visit to my house in Florida. If you remember an earlier column — it is the one that was infested by termites four months ago. I was called down to the "sunshine state" because smoke thicker than a cumulus cloud laid heavy over my vacation home and fires had been spotted only a few miles away.

Now normally I would resist the temptation to write about an occurrence that takes place 1,300 miles away, but in this case, the event was all-encompassing and I was smack dab in the middle of it. This was not a fun Florida trip, but rather a hope and pray trip— hope and pray a fire would not consume the woody area in which I live.

Fortunately for me, it did not happen, but for many others the July 4th celebration was a nightmare. ABC, NBC and CBS suspended all regular programming to cover the fires around the clock. Thus anyone watching television saw firsthand the fires destroying thousands of acres of land and even burning houses. You saw residents stranded and crying. You saw firefighters from 45 states battling the 20-foot high flames. It made for great suspense television, except this was real and it was in your backyard.

I knew it was going to be a weekend of hell, when the main artery from the Orlando airport to Cocoa, an expressway called the Beeline, was closed only moments after the van I was being transported in whisked me through. I use the term "through" because fires were starting to develop on the north side of the highway. Later I found out those fires actually jumped the expressway and began burning in the median, thus the highway was shut down.

That was only one of dozens of roads that were closed. The main north-south artery, I-

95 was closed for a week. All roads from the coast to Orlando were closed at one point or another. The entire county of Flagler was evacuated. Just imagine Emergency Management ordering all people in Wayne County to leave their homes and flee the county. Traffic was snarled on all roads. People ran out of gas because the service stations along the evacuation routes were pumped dry. Fender benders became fist fights. This could have easily been a scene out of "Armageddon" or "Godzilla".

Unfortunately, it was real, and all related to a disaster we rarely consider — FIRE! It is hard to explain, but the best firefighters with the best equipment could not contain the wildfires. Once a fire was contained in one area, another equally as fierce would crop up a mile down the road. The desert-like conditions combined with human firebugs that started many of the blazes, was, almost too much to handle. And then when the winds picked-up, the fires became uncontrollable, burning everything in their path.

Finally, the firefighters began getting the upperhand on late Saturday. The wind died and sprinklings of rain could be found in some areas. Sunday was more of the same. Late Monday the torrential rain all Florida residents prayed for, came and the fires were finally beaten by Mother Nature.

The damage was staggering. Over 500,000 acres were burned. Over 100 homes were destroyed. The damage estimates are a hurricane-like half a billion dollars. After experiencing the eye of the firestorm, I'm here to tell you with all the majestic forest land we have in Michigan we can count our blessings that fires haven't reared their ugly head here.



Mike's musings

Mike Wilcox



The place the mayor won't be

"Westland, the place to be," says Mayor Thomas, who talks the talk.

But many, who rarely see Hizzoner in town — let alone at city hall — would rather have him walk the walk, too.

Certainly it's the mayor's pleasure to go where he pleases. The qualifications for mayor are less than street sweeper. All it takes is 21 years of age, a room in town, and a one-vote majority in November.

Nowhere is it written in stone that he or she has to like Westland enough to hang out there.

It would be all right if Thomas remained silent on the subject, but he doesn't. He orders his department of public service to plaster "Westland, the place to be" signs around town, while he vacations in Reno, Colorado, Northern Michigan, or the Carolinas, or cruises in the tropics.

Unless I miscalculated, this adds up to a double dose of hypocrisy.

But is this worse than what the other politicians do?

I'm talking about Gov. John Engler, Sen. Carl Levin, and all the other bigshots who show up in the Westland Festival parade once every four years.

Like the mayor, these public servants desire your votes, not your welfare. Problem is, in return for your

support, they're only willing to give you a glimpse of them shucking and jiving in a parade.

That's how little you mean to them.

At least Thomas throws in a few Town Halls and a few promotion cable TV programs. Try getting even that from Gov. Engler.

Actually I wish politicians would follow the example of Sen. John Glenn and travel more. The retiring senator from Ohio is scheduled to depart for outer space. It's never hurts to remove elected officials from temptation.

Just think of all the harm Thomas, Engler, and County Executive Ed McNamara could do in Westland if they teamed up. Nasty thought!

Better that Thomas should continue driving up north and that McNamara should continue wintering in Florida.

But please, Mayor, take down those "Westland, the place to be" signs. The hypocrisy doesn't become your footloose and fancy-free administration.



Ivan Helfman



Thanks a Million

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With a service dog she could attain the highest level of independence possible. Simple things like grocery shopping and solo parkway adventures would be within her grasp again. These are things physically abled people take for granted until they are stripped from our lives—then they become activities that we can only dream about. The loss of dignity, self-esteem and the constant dependency on others can erode a person's self-worth. It can leave one bitter, with a cynical outlook toward life. Not so with Jalayne.

Her outlook is positive, upbeat and filled with enthusiasm in eager anticipation of her new friend. That's because not only did we meet our \$10,000 goal, but we exceeded it by nearly \$50,000! What this means is 5 other people will be awarded service dogs through my Thanks a Million column.

Therefore, I invite you to write me if you know of someone who could benefit from a service dog. The organization that you made your generous contributions to, Paws With A Cause, will work with us in the placement of these special canine companions.

Again, if you know of someone who would benefit from this service, please write me. There are enough

funds secured to honor 5 additional placements.

On behalf of Jalayne Noonan, radio station WHO of Des Moines, Iowa and myself, thanks a million! Your contributions totalling \$60,000, cards and letters have been most warmly received. You collectively have changed the life of a brave lady. Job well done, folks, and I applaud your efforts. It does this old man's heart good to know that I can count on the kindness of my readers.



Dear Mr. Ross: I hesitate in writing you and not that I'm undeserving of your help. I hesitate in that you probably receive too much mail as it stands and I hate to add to your already overwhelming burden.

Truth be told my son injured himself playing soccer. While I have insurance, it only paid 80-percent of the costs incurred. I've been left with \$462 in medical bills which I cannot pay. Now I could get a second job, but as a single mother, it would only take away more precious time from my 3 children. I'm not guilting you, this is just how things are. I believe in helping myself and if need be, my small family will buck up and make the sacrifice. However, I also still believe in fairies and magic.

Ms. P. C. ... *The Monitor-Index*, Moberly, MO

Dear Ms. C.: Just as long as you don't expect me to show up in tights and pull a rabbit out of my hat, I won't shatter your beliefs.

I'm sending you the requested \$462, plus an extra \$100 for a day at an amusement park. I also believe in magic, and it never fails how a day of rides and ice cream can produce smiles on the faces of 3 kids and an adult. Have fun!

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Black leaders can't feel improving race relations

To the editor:

It is amazing to many of us that the *Free Press* will print a column by Trevor Coleman ("Champion Red Wings help break down some racial barriers." June 20) and publish another by Carol Rowan ("Does Thomas deserve scorn from so many black leaders?" June 22) a couple days later and very few liberals will ever understand the contradictions and insincerity (intended or otherwise) in the two tomes. It is very probably true that the Wings have many new fans in the blacks that have taken Detroit's hockey team successes to their hearts. Welcome aboard.

Black leaders including many who write columns cannot really feel the good thing happening between races when they show such scorn for a Black man who ought to be the biggest of heroes to the black people in our society. Clarence Thomas is excoriated and scorned constantly for what liberal blacks (and liberal whites) maintain is his consistent vote against the civil rights of blacks. Black leaders have convinced a good many of their race that a vote against affirmative action is anti-black expression.

Clarence Thomas should be highly regarded for the many years he has championed civil rights, not just for blacks but for all of us. He is most interested in the rights of each man, believing that the individual's rights come before group considerations. For a great many of us Thomas is seen

to be a true champion of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. His speeches, his actions, his votes on the Supreme Court affirm his adherence to the intent of the men responsible for the important documents that have identified the United States as the Country that ensures each of us, all of the freedoms intended by our forefathers.

Coleman, for example, has previously written that Thomas has set the civil rights of blacks back ten years, that his intent is to do so. He points to Thomas' attitude toward affirmative action as some proof. Other stances and votes by Thomas that suggest he is working against the rights of blacks have yet to be identified by Coleman, Russell, or any other of the liberals so willing to excoriate our

Supreme Court representative.

It is ideology Coleman has often shown very high regard for. W.E.B. Dubois, socialist extraordinaire, who much earlier in this century pushed for anti-corporation, anti-private enterprise legislation, and expanded government. Booker T. Washington, on the other hand, has been rebuked by Coleman. Washington urged blacks to do what they had already accomplished. They had built entire communities of houses, hotels, and many were doctors and accountants. Most importantly, there were a great many blacks who were successful entrepreneurs. Washington reminded blacks that they were free men, to forget reparations and victimhood.

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M I C H I G A N C O M M U N I T Y N E W S P A P E R S

Letters

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The liberal black columnist hold little regard for the writings and teaching of Armstrong Williams, Thomas Sowell, Walter Williams, Larry Elder, J.C. Watts. So much could change for the very good in our society if blacks changed their piper. Freedom, not collectivization, should be what blacks, too, are about.

Clarence Thomas understands capitalist enterprise, that it is far superior to socialism, to any collectivist arrangement adopted for the production of goods and services. The liberal won't let go of socialist endeavors, tried and failing in each and every place where they have been tried. Still, those liberals who have studied comparative economics and have understood that Capitalism is vastly superior to socialism in producing goods and services insist on living a life of envy.

More and more, however slowly, blacks are coming to realize that freedom, individual rights, and the free market system will lead them to the lives they have hoped for from the beginning.

Neil Goodbred
Livonia

Tax breaks to help students go to college

To the editor:

As high school seniors and their families prepare this month for graduation parties and ceremonies, many might still be considering which college to attend this fall. For most students and their parents, the choice of where to continue one's education is in large part influenced by the cost of tuition.

To help families address the steadily rising cost of a college degree, I sponsored legislation, now law, that establishes a tax credit of up to \$375 for students or their parents. This tax credit is applicable only for schools who cap their tuition increases at or below the rate of inflation from year to year.

This two-pronged approach to making higher education more affordable in Michigan has proven to be effective. Not only are students saving with lower tuition costs, but they are also rewarded with a tax credit.

Just four years ago, average tuition increases at many Michigan universities and colleges was close to 10 percent - three times the rate of inflation! Last year, with the tuition tax credit as an incentive, 38 Michigan schools worked to keep their tuition costs down, thus enabling students to qualify for the tax credit.

Students who were eligible were those who attended:

Public Universities: Central Michigan; Grand Valley State; Lake Superior State; Michigan State; Michigan Technological University; Northern Michigan; Saginaw Valley State; University of Michigan, Ann Arbor and Dearborn campuses; Wayne State.

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craft; Washtenaw; Wayne County.

Private Colleges: Alma; Aquinas; Cleary; Concordia; Davenport; Detroit College of Business; Great Lakes; Hillsdale; Kendall College of Art & Design; Northwood University; Olivet; Reformed Bible; Spring Arbor; William Tyndale.

Helping to make higher education more affordable and accessible to the students of Michigan is something that I take pride in. While the tuition tax credit is an innovative first step, we must continue to find ways to improve financial access to the Michigan's higher education system.

Sen. Loren Bennett

City cemetery is a rip-off

To the editor:

I just found out 2 weeks ago that my husband is terminal. Seeing he is so young, you never think to go buy cemetery plots. So I had to do this while I have a few minutes.

So I go to the City Office to pay for this plot. They said you can make payments if you like. I said, fine, how much per month? Fifty dollars plus interest. I looked at them like they were crazy or I was hearing wrong.

Interest? You got to be nuts. This is the grossest thing I've ever heard of. It's pure nonsense, inhuman sick, dumb, stupid plus a few more words.

So I ask if I could bring the rest of the money, the next day. That's fine, but we have to charge you 6 percent interest. This was just way too much for me I was ready to grab someone and bang their head against the wall.

First our taxes pay to keep this cemetery up, though it is not kept up that great. I know out and planted flowers to have them mow right over them. Sure there are city workers in there setting on their butts doing nothing.

I have seen people out there mowing, watering, racking & cleaning up their loved ones grave. I've done it myself.

Then you have to pay \$700.00 or more for opening and closing the grave. I still cannot believe 6% interest. This city gets worse everyday. I would love to see one of them live on a fixed income. I have a dear friend who lives on less than \$500.00 a month.

City Hall & Council get off your butts & change a few things to help people who are wageless in worst shape than any of you probably will ever be.

Please do not use my name my husband does not know I have done anything you can call me if you want.

Yack endorses McCotter for helping Canton

To the editor:

In the June 24th edition of the Community Crier, Diane Verploegh questioned the actions of County Commission Thaddeus McCotter. The writer strongly stated that Commissioner McCotter deceived residents in believing that the August 4th county ballot would include an issue to require a 60% super majority on all future new county wide

millage issues.

It was Mrs. Verploegh who did not do her due diligence. Any student of this issue would have felt supremely confident that this issue would have been on the August 4th ballot having received the necessary County Commission approval. It was only through the illegal action of the County Election's Commission that it was briefly removed. It was through the actions of Thaddeus, Bruce Patterson and one other Commissioner that this action was successfully challenged. Backroom politics continue to plague this important issue. There are those within the county and the state who would rather not see this issue on the ballot. As a result, they are engaging in unethical and illegal actions to stop a vote on the super majority.

No one has worked harder to get and keep this issue on the ballot than Thaddeus. His diligence and hard work on this issue and others have prompted me to endorse him for State Senator. In spite of

the fact that Thaddeus does not represent Canton, he has worked tirelessly on a range of issues important to Canton-stopping Willow Run from becoming a tradeport, assisting our DDA, opening up County government and much more. I believe strongly that one elected representatives should reflect positively on the residents of the district they serve. Thaddeus has always done so.

Thaddeus McCotter as State Senator would be ethical, responsive, effective, and represent his district with dignity.

Tom Yack

Hospice offers death with dignity

To the editor:

Some people think, "I may want the option of physician-assisted suicide because if I were suffering I may not be able to take it." This is always a great fear - the unknown. How bad will the pain get?

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My father died in March of this year from a debilitating cancer of the pancreas. Dad too feared the pain that may come. But with the help of Hospice he was able to control his pain. Dad had a vitality and love for life. He treasured each minute and lived it to the fullest to the end, taking up new hobbies and planning new projects when he became too weak to build the boats he loved. As his physical strength left him, we saw his inner strength grow. He slowly acknowledged that God was in charge of his life and accepted God's timing for his death. His illness drew us back together, united us as a family and brought us closer to God ...

A few days before his natural death, he gave us a wonderful gift. He gathered us all together and shared his love and faith, giving each of us his parting words of fatherly advice. He talked openly to his adult children of the beauty of

life and his acceptance of death. He then asked us to say something. And gathered together we shared our memories and experience of Dad and of each other. We laughed and cried and there was a peace and actual joy that filled each of us, which has carried us through after his death. We now have this as a wonderful memory of our father. Had he chosen to end his life due to his fear of pain or of being a burden, we would have missed our father at his best.

Please give this issue serious thought. Do not give it cursory attention. I know if you do, you will agree with me that we can not allow this to become law. If you would like further information on this issue, write me at P.O. Box 95, Owosso, MI 48867.

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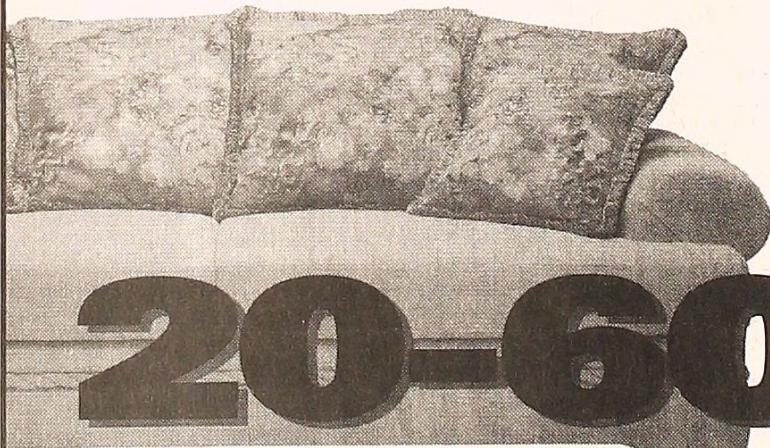
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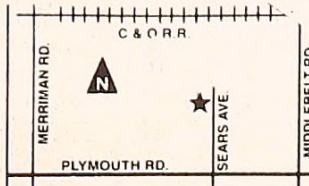
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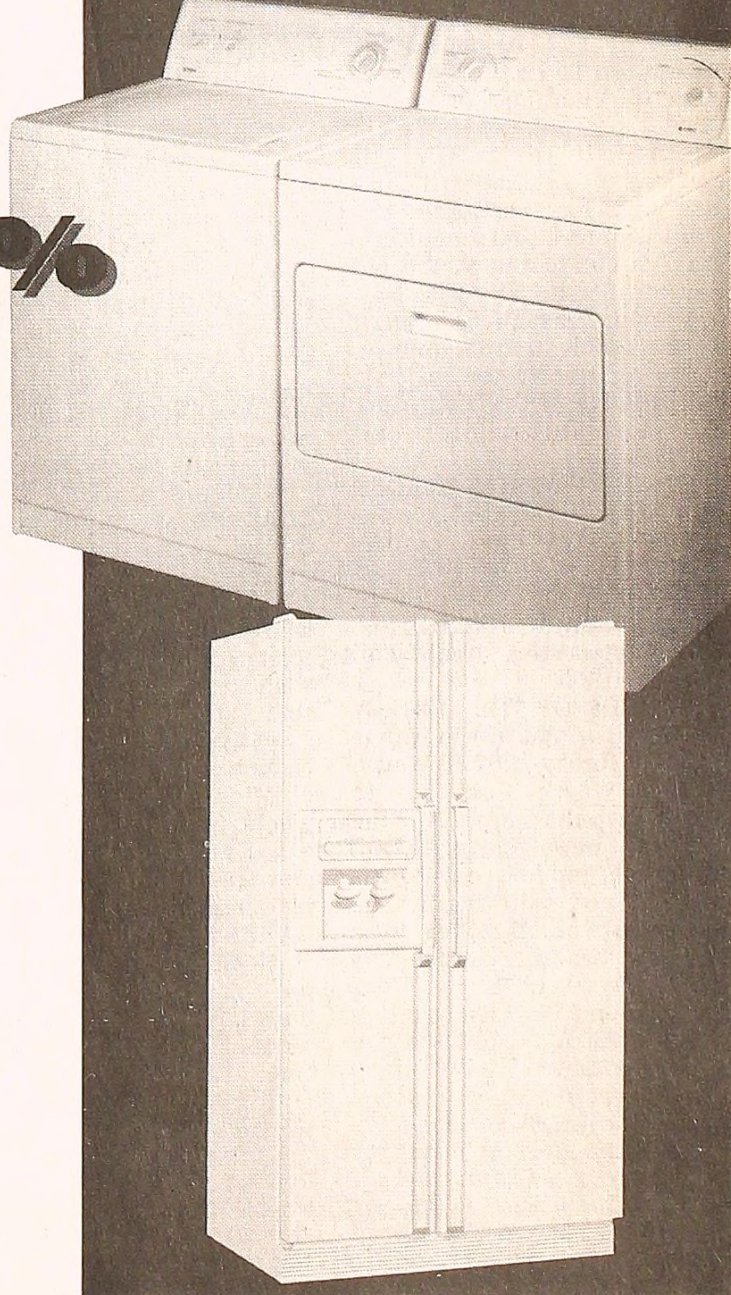
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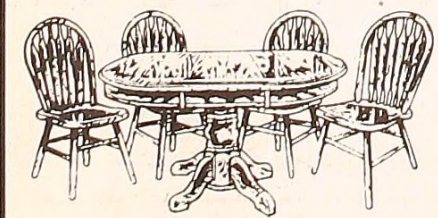
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PROSTATE CANCER SYMPOSIUM will be held from July 31 to Aug. 2 at the Power Center in Ann Arbor. Free conference is open to public and health care professionals. Prostate cancer survivor Bob Novak of CNN will be a key speaker. Register or call for more information at 1-800- 835-7633.

ARCHERY TOURNAMENT will feature 400-500 top ranked archers from around the country will be conducted Aug. 3-7 on the soccer fields at Heritage Park in Canton.

FLEA MARKET offered by the Canton Historical Society will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 8 on the grounds of historic Cherry Hill School at Cherry Hill and Ridge roads in Canton. Spaces can be rented for \$15 each. For more information call 981-1475.

MOM'S CLUB OF WESTLAND will be meeting at 10 a.m. July 15 at the Brayman Lounge in the Bailey Recreation Center. 36651 Ford Road in Westland. Group will be discussing a summer activity list, forming playgroups and a monthly MOMS Night Out. For more information call Stephanie Stoliker, club president, at 734-266-2919.

SUMMER CONSTELLATIONS A view of the stars will take place beginning at 9 p.m. July 10 at the Maybury State Park, 20145 Beck rd., Northville. The guest speaker will be Jennifer Jaworski. Entry into the park is free, but the vehicle must have a state park motor vehicle permit. For more information call 248-349-8390.

CAMP WITH A COP An overnight adventure at Van Buren Park on Aug. 14-16 is being hosted by the Van Buren Township Public Safety Department. Boys and girls who are residents of Van Buren, Belleville and Sumpter are invited to the event free. Registration needs to be done at the Van Buren Township Hall. For more information call Pam at 734-699-8939 ext. 273.

ROMULUS HEAD START is now recruiting eligible 3 and 4 year olds for the September class. The free pre-school program is conducted at the old Beverly School at 35408 Beverly road, near Wayne road. It serves children from low income families, foster children and children with disabilities. For more information call 728-7815.

FOSTER PARENTS NEEDED The Wayne Center, a non-profit foster care center agency, is in need of foster parents to care for children with developmental disabilities. Those interested should call 7734-425- 7188.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY are being sought by the Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne road in Wayne. Goals are to stimulate public support of the library, encourage gifts, endowments and help develop its services and facilities for the communities. Memberships are now available for the July 1 to June 30, 1999 year. Dues range from \$5 to \$300 or more.

FIVE SHOW SEASON at the Fisher Theatre of Detroit is now offering subscription tickets for its 1998-99 season including the musical *Titanic*, as well as *Jekyll and Hyde*, *Sunset Blvd.* and *Rob Becker's Defending the Caveman*. A \$75 deposit will hold the subscription with the balance to be billed later. For more information call 313-872-1180.

FREE SUMMER LECTURE SERIES will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. through July 21 (on Tuesdays) at the Henry Ford Community College's Administrative Services and Confer-



Block party

Megan Prieskorn and Austin Gottman, both age 3, joined in a Chestnut street neighborhood outing in Wayne recently that allowed new neighbors to get to know each other. Firemen and police officers arrived to allow youngsters to see the insides of their emergency vehicles first hand and many of the children, including the two above, were presented with fire department helmets and badges. MCN Special Photo

ence Center, 5101 Evergreen road in Dearborn. For information on the series call Elaine McKeand at 313-845-64-98.

VOLLEYBALL SUMMER CAMP will be held at the Romulus High School Field House from 1 to 3:30 p.m. July 14-16 for fifth through eighth graders at a cost of \$20.

ROMULUS SPORTS PHYSICALS will be offered Aug. 6 at the Romulus Adolescent Health Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is \$10. A parental consent form is needed. Patients at the clinic do not need to fill out a new form. Fore more information call 941-1400.

FLEA MARKET Sponsored by the Canton Historical Society will be held Aug. 8 at historic Cherry Hill School at Cherry Hill road and Ridge road in Canton. For more information call Ronni Curtis at 734- 981-1475.

WOLVERINE DOG TRAINING CLUB once again is offering classes for Beginners Obedience and Puppy Headstart on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

The latest two month class sessions will begin on July 28 for obedience classes and July 29 for headstart classes (for pups three to six months). The air conditioned training sites are in Livonia. For more information call 248-476-8650.

NURSE PARALEGAL CLASSES are being offered this fall at Madonna University in Livonia. Term begins Sept. 8. Program is set up for nurses who hold a bachelor of science degree in nursing and wish to pursue a different career path.

USED CARS WANTED The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan is now seeking whole used cars with a clear title and will pick up the vehicles free of charge. For more information call 1-800-488-CARS.

ANXIETY DISORDERS support group efforts are conducted at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church at 24931 Union st. in Dearborn. The program is dedicated to helping those with anxiety, panic, fear, phobia's and depression. For more information call 248-547-0400.

FATHERS FOR EQUAL RIGHTS non-profit group meets at 7:30-10 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at the Oak Park Community Center, 14300 Oak Park blvd., Oak Park. An attorney is at each meeting to answer questions from fathers. Issues discussed include divorce, custody, visi-

tation denial, child support, kidnapping, unwed parental rights, etc. Cost is \$5 per meeting. For further information call 248- 354-3080.

JOHN GLENN HIGH REUNION Class of 1973, 25th reunion on Oct. 10, at St. Aidan's Banquet Center in Livonia. Call Reunions Made Easy 248-360-7004.

JOHN GLENN HIGH REUNION Class of 1978, 20th reunion on Oct. 24 at Doubletree Guest Suites in Southfield. Call Reunions Made Easy at 248-360-7004

WAYNE HIGH SCHOOL REUNION Class of 1983, 15th year reunion on Sept. 26 at Roma's of Garden City. Call Reunions Made Easy at 248-360- 7004.

'98 POLKA FEST sponsored by the Wayne County Parks will be conducted from noon until 9 p.m. July 11-12 at the Warrendale Picnic Area in Dearborn Heights. Admission is free. Performances by traditional Polish dancers in authentic costumes and top Polka bands including Michigan Polka Hall of Famer Marshall "Big Daddy" Lackowski and his La Dee-Da's and Italian musician Pino Marelli will perform. A beer tent complete with food options also will be on site. For more information call 313-261-1990.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY REGISTRATION for fall terms has begun. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Classes will begin Sept. 8. There is no application fee. For more information call 734-432-5339.

DRESS A DOLL FOR GOOD-FELLOWS dolls can be purchased for \$2 at the Threads 'N Treasures Quilt Shop, 129 South State St. in Belleville. Dolls - in 10 categories - will then be placed on display for judging at the Wayne County Fair from July 28 to Aug. 2. Dolls will later be donated to Goodfellows for Christmas holiday gifts. For more information call 734-697-9376.

HOMEOPATHY CLASSES are being offered at Schoolcraft College beginning July 29 for \$65. The 200-year system of healing with natural substances is outlined in the course. For more information call 734- 462-4448.

SHIPWRECK ADVENTURE is slated for Sept. 1. Group will leave Wayne Senior Center, 350000 Sims Ave., Wayne, at 9 a.m. and return at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$50 and will include transportation, cruise aboard the *LOWELL D* to explore an 1800's shipwreck. Lunch will take place at the Vintage Goose. Also included will be a tasting tour of the Winery.

CRAFTERS NEEDED Artists and crafters are now being sought to take part in the Oct. 24 holiday arts and crafts boutique offered by the Henry Ford Community College Alumni Association. Applicants must provide photographs of items they plan to sell at the show. The cost to participate is \$45 for a 36 to 72 inch table or sales space. For more information call 313-845-9610.

FREE KARATE PROGRAM for Wayne and Westland residents is being offered by the All-Star Karate Family Center on S. Wayne road in Westland through July 29. Call 467-5127 to register.

TUITION PRE-SCHOOL will begin Sept. 14 for the Van Buren Public Schools. A non-refundable \$25 deposit is needed at registration time at the VBPS Administration Building, 555 W. Columbia, Belleville. For more information call 734-697-9123.

WESTLAND DARE GOLF OUTING is slated Aug. 12 at the Faulkwood Shores Golf Club. Registration at 7:30 a.m. and shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. A \$100 green fee includes golf cart and steak dinner. Checks should be made out to Westland DARE. For more information call Westland Police.

SUMMER PROGRAM is being offered by the King Academy at 1615 Henry Ruff in Inkster. The program for K-6th graders will run Monday through Thursdays through July 24. An academically enriched curriculum will include technology, math, science and reading. Session A will be from 9 to 11:45 a.m. and Session B will be from 12:30 to 3 p.m. For more information call 728-0128.

HURON RIVER DAY The 18th annual Huron River Day Gal-

lup Gallop Run/Walk will take place July 12 at Gallup Park, 3000 Fuller road in Ann Arbor. The race begins at 8:30 a.m. and an \$8 fee will be collected that will include payment for a hat, awards and prizes. Another run will be held at 10 a.m. on the bike path. Fee for that race will be \$7. For more information call 994-2780 or 662-9319.

I DO...I THINK A tale of marital bliss? Learn what happens when an Italian bride joins up with a Polish groom (if the groom appears on time). View the ceremony and enjoy a seven-course Italian dinner. Tickets cost \$39.95. Shows will continue through October at Genitti's, 108 E. Main St. in Northville. For more information call 248-349-0522.

JUNIOR TENNIS CAMPS will continue July 6-9, July 20-23 and Aug. 3-6 at Griffin Park in Canton. Little swingers will take part from 9 to 10:30 a.m. and Juniors will join from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration has begun. Call 734-397-5110 for more information.

STEPPIN OUT DANCEA Will begin with a dance lesson at 7 p.m. July 25 at the Wayne Senior Activity Center, 35000 Sims avenue in Wayne. Evening of dance will begin at 8 p.m. Music will be provided by Terry Bee. Cost is \$6. For more information call 721-7460.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL REGISTRATION is now taking place at St. Aloysius Catholic School in Romulus. Classes range from K-8 with kindergarten being an all day 5-day a week program. A brand new computer lab is being added for the 1998-99 school year. Other programs include physical education, vocal music and instrumental music offered by Penguin Music. For more information call 734-941-5050.

DISCOUNT AMUSEMENT TICKETS are now available at the Romulus Recreation Building. Sites include Cedar Point, Detroit Zoo, Greenfield Village, Michigan Renaissance Festival, Pleasure Island and Sea World among others. Tickets come on a cash only basis.



DARE fundraiser

A third in a series of fundraisers for the DARE program in the Belleville-Van Buren Township area are slated for today through Saturday at the Walt Michal's RV Center, 44700 I-94 Service drive in Belleville. Earlier efforts raised \$2,000, which was matched by \$2,500 from Michal for a total of \$4,500. Members of the Detroit Tigers will be on hand to sign autographs early this afternoon. Musical and other fun activities are slated for Friday and Saturday. Shown in photo is DARE officer Jim Miller, Walt Michal, owner/operator of the RV center, and Belleville Police Chief Hal Periman.

CALENDAR FORM

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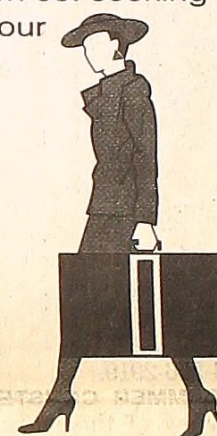
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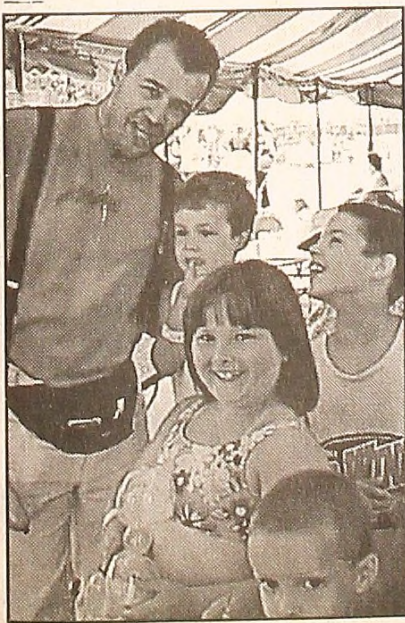
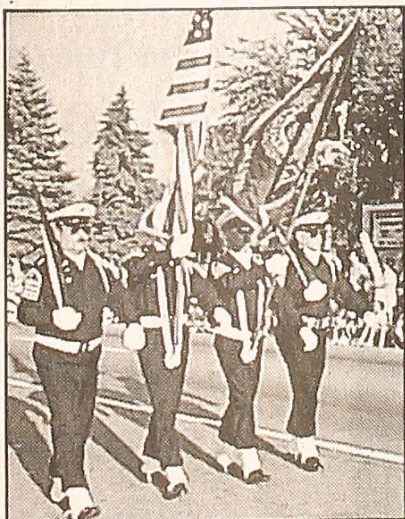
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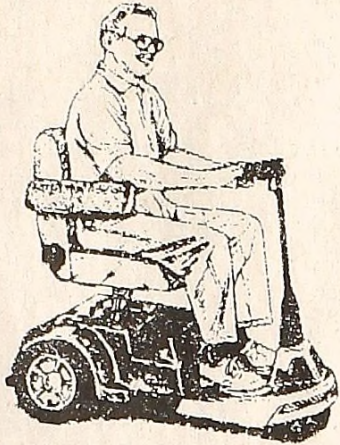
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Mark J. Burke has joined the U.S. Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Ann Arbor.

Burke will report to Fort Benning, Columbus, Georgia, for basic military training on June 10, 1998.

He is the son of Mary Sladowski of Saline and Kirby Burke of Belleville.

Marine Staff Sgt. Houston K. Barton, son of Martha Brown of Canton, recently received a Certificate of Commendation while assigned with Marine Aircraft Group 46, Detachment B. 4th Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station El Toro, Santa Ana, California.

The 1984 graduate of Woodward High School of Cincinnati, joined the Marine Corps in June 1984.

Marine Lance Cpl. David M. Redmond, son of Chuck Barry of Westland, recently participated in Exercise Destined Glory while on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), embarked aboard ships of the USS Wasp Amphibious Ready Group (ARG).

He joined the Marine Corps in June 1995.

Marine Sgt. Charles R. Schmeltz, son of Leroy and Diana Schmeltz of Belleville, recently participated in Exercise Destined Glory while on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), embarked aboard ships of the USS Wasp Amphibious Ready Group (ARG).

The 1992 graduate of Belleville High School joined the Marine Corps in July 1992.

Marine Lance Cpl. Matthew B. Erdman, son of Kerry and

Carole Erdman of Wayne, recently participated in Exercise Destined Glory while on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), embarked aboard ships of the USS Wasp Amphibious Ready Group (ARG).

The 1995 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School joined the Marine Corps in August 1995.

Navy Fireman Joseph L. Kowalski, son of Joseph L. Kowalski Sr. of Romulus, recently departed on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf aboard the aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The 1995 graduate of Woodhaven High School of Flat Rock, Mich., joined the Navy in July 1995.

Navy Airman Patrick J. Pigeon, a 1995 graduate of Westland Lutheran High School, recently departed on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf aboard the aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower.

He joined the Navy in September 1995.

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Michael G. Pearce, a 1981 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School of Wayne, recently departed on a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean and Arabian Gulf aboard the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln.

He joined the Navy in February 1982.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Jason M. Banko, son of George M. and Nancy E. Banko of Romulus, recently departed on a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean and Arabian Gulf aboard the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln.

Growthworks to educate young shoplifters

Shoplifters Alternative (SA) today announced a new partnership with Growthworks, Inc., the Third Judicial Circuit Court of Michigan Family Division-Juvenile Section and local Youth Assistance Program to bring formal structured education to juveniles caught shoplifting in Western Wayne County.

Kids caught shoplifting will be referred by the court to Growthworks and the Conference of Western Wayne Youth Assistance Programs to bring formal structured education to juveniles caught shoplifting in Western Wayne County.

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"offense-specific" home study and class/workshop program developed by SA.

"We hope this new program will help juvenile shoplifters learn from their mistakes," said Dale Yagiela, executive director of Growthworks.

"Education programs like this one really benefit the community and have a positive impact on kids who need guidance and direction."

SA designed the Y.E.S. Program as a means of early intervention for juveniles to help prevent them from further penetrating into the criminal justice system. As part of their rehabilitation, juveniles will Assistance Programs where they will enroll in the Youth Educational Shoplifting (Y.E.S.) Program, a 12-hour

be required to pay a nominal fee for their education-- standard SA purposely enacted to help kids take responsibility for their own actions and something SA believes enhances the value kids place on the Y.E.S. Program.

"The court in Wayne County is taking a very positive step," said Peter Berlin, SA's executive director. "Comprehensive educational programs reduce repeat offenses and give kids a better chance for a successful future."

Parents have responded overwhelmingly to the educational program and to the Third Judicial Circuit Court's larger initiative to develop a more effective response to juvenile crime by encouraging local communities to imple-

ment crime prevention and diversion programs. The Y.E.S. program is a substantive sanction that can help stop juveniles from repeating their crimes.

Shoplifters Alternative is a national non-profit organization and the educational division of Shoplifters Anonymous, Inc. It is the nation's largest provider of home study and classroom shoplifter rehabilitation programs for adults and juveniles.

SA operates in hundreds of communities in 44 states through referrals from retailers, prosecutors, judges and criminal justice agencies offering "offense-specific" programs with a 95.5 percent rate of success in prevention repeat offenses.

Baby Announcements!

Brandon Jacob Baker was born on May 26, 1998 weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces and was 21 inches at birth. Parents of little Brandon are Jennifer Baker of Wayne and Jacob Conley of Westland. Grandparents are Terry and Julie Conley of Wayne and Debbie and Carl Baker of Westland.

Alexis Marie Yarmak was born on May 26, 1998 weighing 6 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20 and a half inches at birth. Parents are Crystal LeBlanc of Livonia and Nick Yarmak of Westland. Grandparents are Michael and Patricia LeBlanc of Livonia and Alexander Yarmak of Wixom and Jane Yarmak of Westland.

Ashley Bryce Kirtley was born on May 28, 1998 weighing 7 pounds, 13 ounces and was 21 inches at birth. Parents of little Ashley are James and Barbara Kirtley of Westland. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dawson of Romulus and Paul Kirtley of Romulus and Shirley Kirtley of Augusta Township.

Alexis Pamela Neumann was born on June 3, 1998 weighing 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 20 inches at birth. Parents of little Alexis are Bridgett Neumann of Canton. Siblings are Chloe Nicole Neumann and grandparents are Pamela and Mike Neumann of Westland.

Carley Ann Bantau was born on June 4, 1998 weighing 6 pounds, 6 ounces and was 20 inches at birth. Parents are Robert and Christina Bantau of Garden City. Siblings are Chelsea Bantau. And grandparents are Robert and Brenda Bantau of Garden City and Tom and Janine Smith of Westland. Also, Garry Roberts of Westland and Nancy Paton of Garden City.

Abigail Grace Smith was born on June 11, 1998 weighing 10 pounds, 14 ounces and was 22 and a half inches at birth. Parents are Dan and Vivian Smith of Romulus. Siblings are Dan III, Rebecca, Vivian, and Betty Jean Smith. Little Abigail's grandparent is Carolyn Bouguenoy of Westland.

Western Wayne YMCA gets child abuse funds

The YWCA of Western Wayne County will receive funding awards for two programs: The Zero to Three Child Abuse Prevention Program and Encore Plus.

The Zero to Three Child Abuse Prevention Program, funded by the State of Michigan's Children's Trust Fund, aims at increasing the life longevity, safety, mental and physical health of children, prenatal to age four.

Through the program, home visitors will visit participants' homes and teach them about prenatal and infant health care, nutrition, safety, child development, and effects of lifestyle choices on both pregnancy and the child.

Simply stated, the major goal of this program is to help parents become the best they can be--allowing their children to become the best individuals they can be.

The proposal was funded for the total amount requested and will begin in October 1998.

The goal of the encore Plus program, funded by the Avon Breast Health Access Fund, is to provide breast cancer

awareness and education and screening to women who normally do not have access to such information.

The program has two components. Component I focuses on the importance of regular self-examination and clinical screening for early diagnosis and treatment. Avon Breast Health Access Fund provides the funding for Component I.

Component II, operating independently of the recent funding award, offers support groups and physical exercise, including water therapy, for women who have undergone breast cancer surgery.

This program was also funded for the total amount requested. Encore Plus will provide a total of 200 mammograms and 200 cervical screens to underserved women beginning in July 1998.

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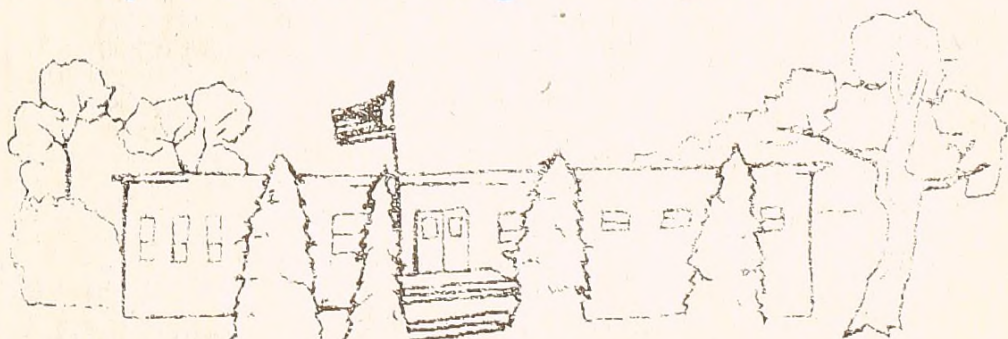
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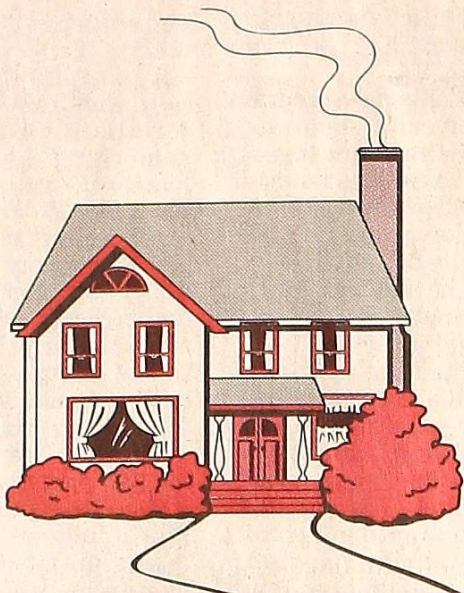
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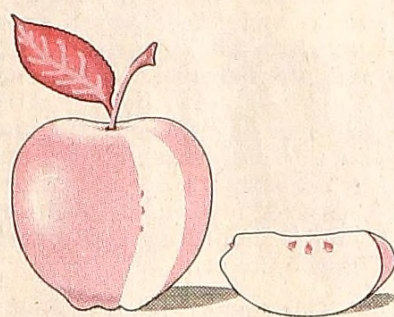
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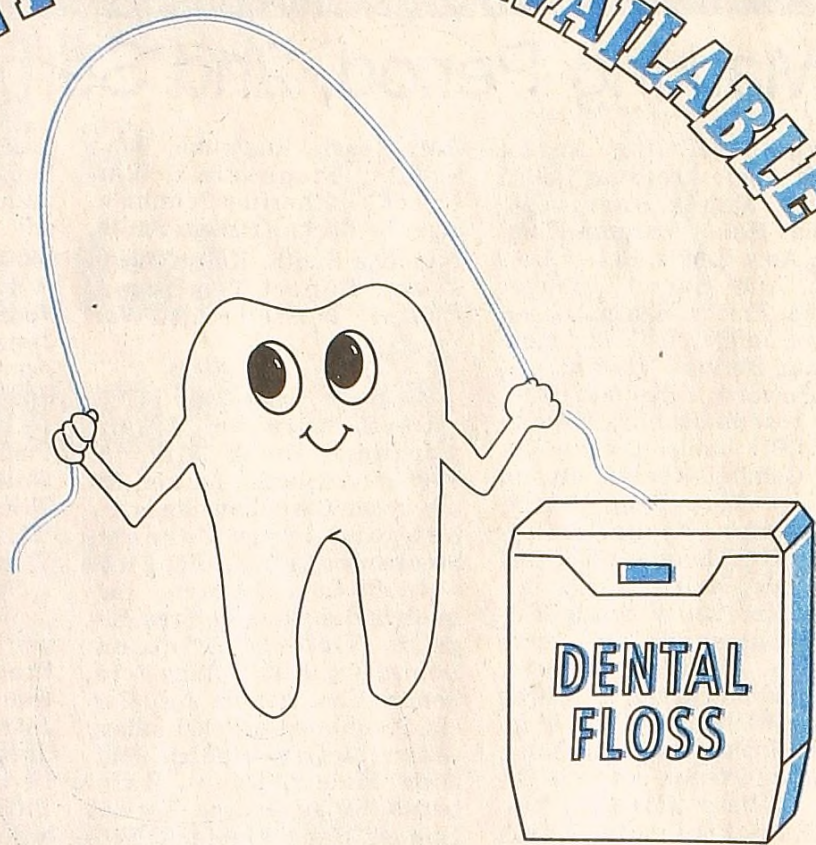
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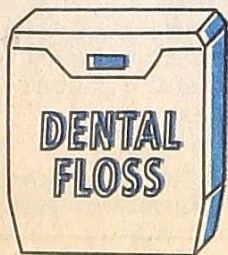
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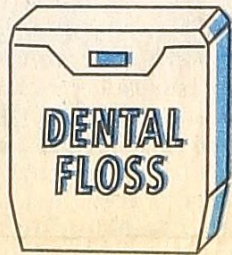
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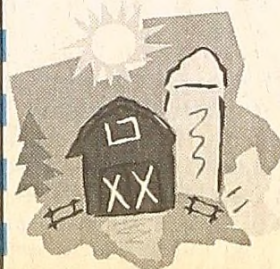
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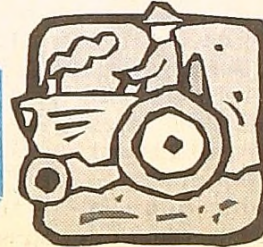
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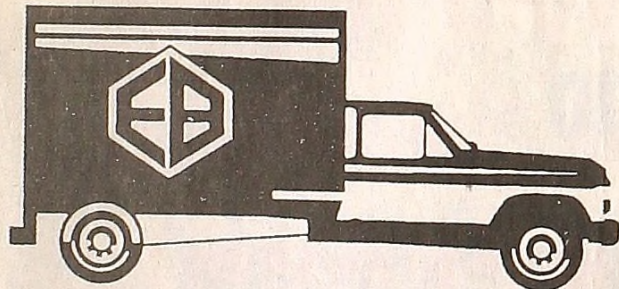
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North Middle School attendance list

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7th grade:
Jennifer Eaton, Christie Perkins, Lakisha Russell.

8th grade:
Ashley Bolter, Zeke Church, Tiffany Clark, Bryan Haley, Autumn McDade, Amanda Prince, Jenna Rogalski, Trevor Stanberry.

The following students from North Middle School have found themselves on this perfect attendance list...

6th grade:
Chris Biggs, Heather Forbes, Melissa Gibbs, Brian

Keeskes, Erica Losen, Andrew Todd, Robert Tutsock, Aleea Wells, Randolph Wilson.

7th grade:
Derek Brooks, Robert Burke, Aaron Hollis, J.T. Patterson, Holly Sauers, Michael Taylor, Philip Toupin, Antoine Wells.

8th grade:
Toby Fleenor, Melissa Grimoldy, Jimmy Harris, Missy Perala, Jennifer Thornsby, Jason Youmans.

The following students from North Middle School have found themselves on this 4th marking period perfect attendance list...

6th grade:
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7th grade:
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8th grade:
Cynthia Bennett, Ashley Boelter, Jack Busche, Erin Cullen, Dessie Dembrosky, Toby Fleenor, Jason Garver, Melissa Grimoldy, Bryan Haley, Jennifer Hanson, Jimmy Harris, Jennifer Jackson, Steve Koren, Yin Li, Amanda Long, Ashley Martila, Antonio Mitchell, Quentin Nelson, Melissa Perala, Amanda Prince, Charles Rachal, Jenna Rogalski, Brad Squelch, Trevor Stanberry, Brian Taylor, Jennifer Thornsbury, Jason Youmans.

Honor

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Dawn Painau, Rachel Parmalee, Joshua Paruszkiewicz, John Pollard, Duke Prentiss, Duke Prentiss, Evan Ragsdale, Kristan Rayburn, Charles Reed, Elizabeth Rickard, Brooke Robinson, Randy Rose, Krystal Schwartz, Nicholas Scowley, Sara Sears, Isa Shearer, Jennifer Skelton, Alicia Smith, Jaime Smith, Joseph Szarek, Brandon Thorne, Aaron Tochalauski, Nikki Voss, Shawn Ward, Chika Warren, Maria Warren, Christopher Whitehead, Jennifer West, Jacob Wilkerson, Crista Williams, Brian Wilson, Jimmie Wilson, Joel Wojnarski, Nicole Wolf, Amanda Woodall, Anthony Wragg, Jeremiah Yoder, Brent Zeestraten.

Foster earns degree

Katherine Grace Foster, a resident of Belleville, received a bachelor of science degree from Warren Wilson College at the 1998 commencement.

Foster, one of 110 Warren Wilson graduates this year, majored in chemistry.

Warren Wilson is a four-year liberal arts college in Asheville, N.C., known for its Triad Education Program blending academics, work and community service. Founded in 1894 as the Asheville Farm School, the college had a record enrollment of 653 students during the fall semester.

Students simulate government

Earlier this month, New Boston-Huron High School junior Laurel Hudgins participated in Operation Bentley, a seven-day program of intensive study of government held annually at Albion College.

The select group of 102 students from high schools across the state examined the political process of local and state government through simulation of government, guest lectures, and classroom instruction. The students met with Congressman Nick Smith; John Engler's campaign manager Tim Ward, Democratic gubernatorial candidate Doug Ross, Mitchell Research & Communications polling firm chair Steve Mitchell, and several Democratic and Republican state legislators.

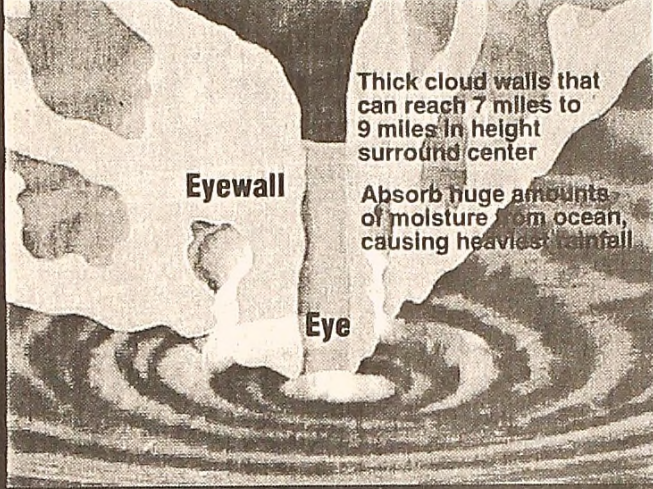
Choragian graduates from Northwestern

Kelly M. Choragian, daughter of Mark and Kathy Choragian of Wayne, received a bachelor of science degree from the Northwestern University School of Education and Social Policy at the University's 140th annual commencement exercises June 19.

A graduate of Wayne Memorial High School, Choragian was the business manager of the Daily Northwestern, a member of the Wildcat Council, and plans to pursue a career in the area of organizational development.

University President Henry S. Bienen conferred 5,514 degrees, diplomas and certificates during the ceremony, and Provost Lawrence B. Dumas presented honorary degrees to 12 people in higher education, the arts, journalism, science and business.

Eyewall: The storm's fiercest part



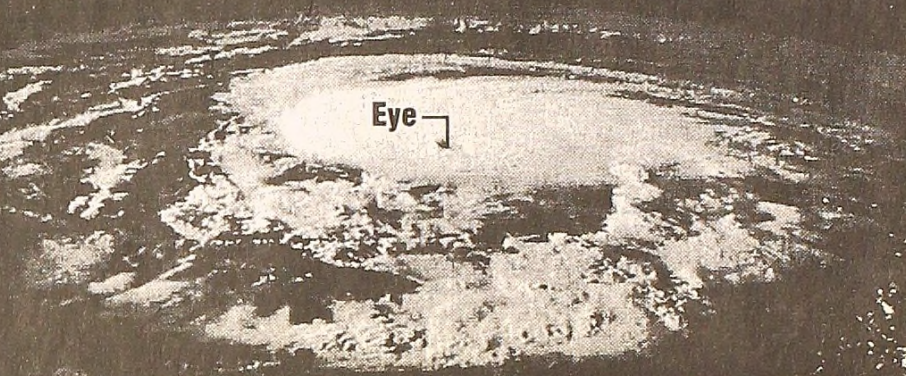
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'Blue chip' teams gather for tourney

22nd annual invitational draw state's top softball teams to Wayne

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Seven nationally-ranked softball teams are among the 18 outstanding ball clubs that will compete in Wayne next week for the Leonard J. Anderson Memorial Softball title.

The tournament will be staged three days, beginning Friday, July 17 on softball diamonds located behind the Wayne Parks and Recreation Department on Howe Road. In its 22nd year, tournament

carries the name and the memory of Patrolman Leonard J. Anderson, the only city of Wayne police officer to be slain in the line of duty.

Among the seven nationally-ranked clubs that will take to the diamonds are: Class A - Jimmies/Varsity/Ques/ Easton, currently ranked third in the nation; Journeyman, the No. 8th ranked team in the U.S., also in Class A; Prestige, ranked 11 in Class A; Oakland Plumbing/Liberty Park, 17th in Class A; Gekle/Bandits, ranked

20th in Class A; and Mountain Top, a team that is the No. 1 team in the United States in Class B.

"With teams like those that have earned national recognition and are nationally-ranked, fans are in for a treat. They will be seeing some of the finest ball players in the nation play right here in Wayne," said Larry Quartuccio, manager of Jimmies.

It was through Quartuccio's efforts 22 years ago that a tournament was named for the

slain officer became a reality. He has managed to build the invitational into one of the best of its kind.

"This tournament has always been a crowd-pleaser," Quartuccio added. "And, because of so many nationally-recognized clubs are joining us at this year's tournament, it is extremely difficult to select a pre-tournament favorite. I personally wouldn't want to go out on a limb."

However, Jimmies, a team that Quartuccio has managed

for the past two decades, has been and is a serious threat for the title. This year Jimmies has moved to the top of its class, and the Westland-based ball club has gained national recognition for its play in Class A.

Whether Quartuccio can take the club all the way before the home crowd is speculative, at best, but the veteran manager believes his team "has an excellent shot at winning."

"But so do the rest of the

teams."

The Friday night games will begin at 6 p.m. Action starts at 9 a.m. on Saturday, as well as Sunday.

Tournament programs will be available, free of charge, at the Wayne Community Center and at all participating merchants. They will be made available to fans beginning July 9.

Also, as has been the tradition, there will be a tournament.

See **TOURNEY**, page C-2

Westland finishes 4th at tourney

Westland finished behind the No. 1 and No. 2 teams in the country at the annual City of Festivals Men's United States Slow-Pitch Association's Major Invitational staged in Milwaukee.

"We gave it a good shot, and settled for fourth place," said manager Larry Quartuccio, manager of the Westland-based Jimmies/Varsity/Ques/ Easton ball club. "This was an excellent tune up for the tough series we expect at the Anderson."

The Westland team manager wasn't too concerned over the fourth-place finish.

Quartuccio stressed that the Milwaukee tournament "is one of the highest quality tournaments that a team can play in. It's two classes above us, so it gives you a great feeling that our team finished above all the other Class A and Class AA teams."

Quartuccio pointed out that he felt that "with our bat sponsorship from Easton Sports, it has really given us an advantage being able to have the best equipment available."

Westland launched the tournament with an easy 25-10 victory over Budweiser's of Milwaukee as Scott Hille and John Sampson turned in with perfect five-for-five day at the plate. Sampson also drilled two home runs.

However, in the second game, the Westlanders found Hague ready and willing for the challenge. Jimmies dropped a 34-20 decision.

Quartuccio's ball club bounced back to beat Tiger/Air Transit from Hartford, Conn., 23-20. Air Transit, presently seated seventh in the national polls, made Westland sweat for the victory.

Hille again had a perfect game at the plate, stroking four hits in as many trips, while teammate Scott Nastally checked in with three hits in four attempts.

With John Recker going four for five and Sampson collected five hits in five at-bats, including three doubles and a pair of singles, plus Chris Scheffer's grand slam homer, Westland buried Easton of Minneapolis, 32-9.

Jimmies came back and trounced Sid Gringer, a team out of Kenosha, Wisconsin, 31-11, as Tom Lengyel led the way with four home runs and eight runs batted in. Scott Janack also chipped in with four hits, including a roundtripper and three singles.

Hille, who batted .818, and Janack, with a .750 batting record for the series, were named to the All-Tournament Team.

Other Westland players who had an outstanding tournament were Sampson (.818), Nastally (.647), Hille (.818) and Sampson (.681).



The Westland Youth Athletic Association crowned its 1998 Shetland League Tournament champions last week and manager Chris Barrett's club - the Bombers - earned the coveted title. Barrett, and coaches DiCicco and Wesley, finished second-best during the regular season but their team came back strong for the tournament and edged the league champ, Blazers, in a wild one, 21-19. Members of the team include Tahnee CiCicco (front row, from left), Linda Barrett, Heidi Henendeen, Amanda Lewis and Michelle Mars; In the second row are Nichole Berg, Tricia DeBaeke, Ashi Wesley, Alex Hayes and Linda Barrett; third row are coach DeCicco, Coach Wesley and manager Barrett.

That time again

WYAA begins football registration

The high school or collegiate teams may not be thinking football, but the Westland Youth Athletic Association is.

WYAA officials this week announced that they are accepting football registration from potential players for their two teams 0 the Comets and Meteors.

Both teams, made up of players in the eight to 14 age bracket, compete in the Western Suburban Junior

Football Association League. Workouts commence on Aug. 17, while actual league competition is scheduled for Sept. 12.

Prospective players may sign up at the Lange Compound Building, located at 6050 Farmington Road.

Registration is accepted from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, and from 10 a.m. until noon on Saturday.

There is a \$70 per player fee. Players also will be re-

quested to participate in a fundraiser to help defray the costs of fielding the teams.

Keith DeMolay, WYAA publicist, noted that the organization is still in need of cheerleaders.

If you feel you have the voice and the stamina, contact the compound at 421-0640 for further information or get in touch with DeMolay at 722-1251.

Legendary players hold one-day camp for kids

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Some of the greatest players who ever played the game will be on one team next month shooting for one goal - to help at-risk children learn the game of basketball.

Players such as Fred Smiley, an All-State Inkster High alumnus who went on to earn All-America honors, and legends like Richard Walker, Iowa State coach, Barry Hardy, of the famed Globetrotters, and Victor Diehl, Duane Fox, Chester Hicks, Alvin "Bo" Dukes (whose story appeared on these pages only a few weeks ago).

Other greats like Woodeel Payne, D. Green, and Hank Hughes, who set the standards in the mid-1950s in these parts on how to play the game, and

Albert White, the recent Inkster High All-American who is presently at Iowa State via the University of Michigan.

Smiley is definitely the catalyst behind the "legendary team" that will hold basketball camp for youngsters, boys and girls, ages eight to 15 on Aug. 1.

The camp will be conducted from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. at the Booker T. Dozier Recreation Complex.

The complex is located at 2025 Middlebelt Road.

We have had tremendous response in the way of support from our community and merchants," said Smiley, who is publishing a brochure for the participants. "These merchants here have been wonderful. They're doing everything to help."

Why brings these former greats together?

"These kids need role models," Smiley said. "Most of these players were raised and grew up here, went to school and went on to colleges, like myself. We made it, but so many of these kids feel they can't."

Smiley said that without role models, it has been difficult for many.

Boys and girls who plan to participate in the one-day camp are requested to fill out a registration form which can be obtained at several sites around the city of Inkster. Form may be obtained at the Parks and Recreation Department, Cherrybelt Party Store, Danny's Market, Demby Community Center and the NBD branch on Michigan Ave.

"All of us feel this is an opportunity that these kids should not miss."

Diamondbacks win Canton tournament

Superb pitching performances by Ian McLaughlin and David Neu, who combined on a four-hitter, lifted the Diamondbacks to a lopsided 12-2 victory over Northville in the championship round of the Plymouth-Canton Junior Baseball League Invitational Tournament on Sunday.

The victory gave the Diamondbacks the invitational title.

The team, made up of players in the 11-12 year old bracket, included Paul Barbero, Sameer Dohadwal, Ryan Draper, Tom Huls, Joe Rebidas and Adam Shoemaker.

Also in the Diamondbacks' championship lineup were Brad Waidmann, Mike Newton, John Moylan and Dan Skotak.

Mike Neu, Bill Shoemaker and Tim Huls make up the Diamondbacks' coaching staff.

In the meantime, in the 13-14 year-old bracket, the Northville Cardinals scored five runs in the bottom of the sixth and went on to edge Plymouth-Canton's Athletics 11-10 in an exciting finale.

Bill Dieken managed the Northville Cardinals.

"The tournament gave our boys an opportunity to play teams from outside our community. The games were excit-

ing for players and spectators and we feel like the tournament was a huge success," said John Filios, tournament director.

In PCJBL league competition last week, the Brewers buried the Diamondbacks, 21-10, to stay one-game up on the Athletics in the American League. After 12 games, the league-leaders have a 7-5 league record, while the Athletics, who were overwhelmed by the Cardinals 17-3, dropped into a two-way tie for second (6-7) with the White Sox.

The White Sox, losers to the Rockies, 10-9, are in fourth place (5-6-1). They trail the Blue Jays (6-7) who turned back the Phillies, 9-5, in their last outing.

In other American League action, the Braves surfaced atop of a 14-9 score against the Twins, while the Orioles clubbed the Cubs, 20-6.

Over in the National League, the Rockies are atop of the standings (10-1) as they survived a scare from the Cardinals, 14-10. That loss forced the Cardinals to drop a notch (10-2) in the standings.

The Braves are still within striking distance (9-3) while the Phillies (7-5), Cubs (3-9) and the Diamondbacks (2-10) round out the league.

Benninger sets women's golf pace

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Carolyn Benninger continues to be the one to catch in the Women's Suburban Golf Association league this summer.

The Northville golfer shot an 81 to capture top honors in the First Flight, Low Gross, beating her closest competitor by nine strokes.

White Lakes' Sandy Rivers turned in the second-best score of the afternoon in that flight. She carded a 90.

In the meantime, Dearborn's Diane Wazney toured the Glenhurst Golf Course with

a 63, which was three-strokes better than Dolly Vettese's 65 in the race for medalist honors in the Low Net category.

Over in the Second Flight, Westland golfer Penny Irwin had another fine day as she surfaced atop of the flight with a 93.

Four strokes behind was the duo of Glori Hudson, a Southfield golfer, and Dearborn Heights Pat Wilson. Both golfers checked in with 97s.

For the race for Low Net medalist honors, Mary Ann Kraft finished with a sizzling 59 to earn top honors. Lori Wilson came into the clubhouse with a 66 which gave her the runner-up spot.

Belleville's McCarney tennis Coach of Year

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

David McCarney, who was instrumental in starting the Belleville High tennis program and watched it develop into one of the more successful ones in the area, received a post-season honor for his accomplishments on the court.

The Michigan High School Tennis Coaches Association last week voted the veteran Belleville coach as a **Regional Coach of the Year**.

The coaches picked their top coaches and All-State Tennis Teams during the semi-

annual meeting of the Board of Directors staged in Big Rapids.

Ironically, McCarney reportedly announced his retirement at the close of the current tennis season.

The Van Buren School District is looking for a replacement.

The coaches association also named other Regional Coaches of the Year. They honored Christopher Pearson (Lansing Catholic Central), Stan Noland (Monroe), Jim Stewart (Trenton), Al Wright (Port Huron Northern), Adam Bottorff (West Bloomfield).

From the dugout

Girls' softball has always been an exciting and fascinating sport to watch.

And, during the weekend of May 15-17, the University of Michigan girls' softball team hosted the regional NCAA Division I Softball Championship at Alumni Field in Ann Arbor.

The teams involved included DePaul U., Ball State, Illinois-Chicago and the University of Michigan.

On this Michigan club were five outstanding players, who made the All-Big 10 Conference team this year. Those who were selected for the elite team included pitcher Sara Griffin, catcher Melissa Gentile, first baseman Traci Conrad, and outfielders Kelly Tate and Catherine Davie.

I was fortunate to be able to sit right next to the Michigan Dugout and had an opportunity to overhear some of the dialogue. Also had an opportunity to "needle" in a friendly sort of way some of the team members with my comical comment.

For example, when Griffin fled out to deep left, I said *Next time, over the fence, and she looked at me with a Who is this character kind of smile.*

When catcher Melissa Gentile hit a three-run homer, I



Alan Waltz
A 1950s photo
And I know you can tell a few, too, taught her to line up her "big knuckles" when she gripped her bat, she simply replied: "My dad".

How can you beat that!
Conrad happens to be the All-Big 10 Player of the Year.

The Wolverines happened to win this tournament and said *Nice hit.*

The home run traveled over the left center field fence and was halfway up in the trees.

Also called third baseman Pam Kosanke "Hoover", as in the vacuum cleaner, for her defense. She made several sparkling fielding gems during this tournament.

I fell in love with this team big-time because of their talent and their mastery of the sport.

When I asked Conrad who went on to the NCAA World Series in Oklahoma City where they unfortunately finished

seventh.

You know "this big knuckle" thing bugs me because, I believe, coaches nowadays do not teach players how to line up their big knuckles, but rather to lay the bat across your palm and line up your small knuckles.

This is fine for the big girls, but the small girls lose half their power by doing so.

Therefore, I say the "big knuckle theory" is the best as displayed (and proven) by Traci Conrad.

We have two outstanding young players in the area in Wayne Memorial's Kelly Tyler, who is an outfielder. She can run like the wind as is captain of the Wayne High team. There is also first baseman at Westland John Glenn who also is very talented.

What is important, I feel, is that coaches should stress the fundamentals and how to grip the bat, which definitely falls in that category.

By the way, Sara Griffin was voted the University of Michigan's *Female Athlete of the Year*. Her credentials include a remarkable record of 58-3 on the mound. She also batted third in the Wolverine lineup.

It's too bad that she is a senior and won't be around next season.

What we need now, I believe, is a professional women's softball league so that women, like Griffin, may continue on with their careers.

See you next week.



Mustang League champs

It was a good summer for the Tigers, the Westland Youth Athletic Association Tigers, that is. Manager Tony Horning's ball club not only won the WYAA league championship, but the Tiger manager also had the club up for the tournament series and added a second gem to their conference crown. Horning, along with coaches Dan Pitts and Jeff Girgen, guided their team to the Mustang League title and then swept through the league tournament to claim the tourney title as well. Members of the team include Jeff Girgen (front row, from left), Andy Rembisz, T. J. Bartholomew, Ben Boshaw, Matt Maskelis, and Troy Maskelis; second row are Dan Rice, Brad Barron, Cody Flores, Jonathon Herendeen, Joe Horning, Chad Morse, Jason Young; in the third row are Coach Girgen and Manager Horning. Not available at the time of the photo are team members Dan Pitt and coach Greg Pitt.

Tourney

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ment party at the fields at 8 p.m. Saturday. There will be food and entertainment, provided by The Gold Tones.

"We will also announce this year's inductees into the Leonard J. Anderson Hall of Fame," Quartuccio said.

The tournament is cosponsored by the Wayne Parks & Recreation Department, in cooperation with Jimmies/Varsity/Ques/Easton Softball club.

Here is a list of team entries, with team managers and the cities they represent in

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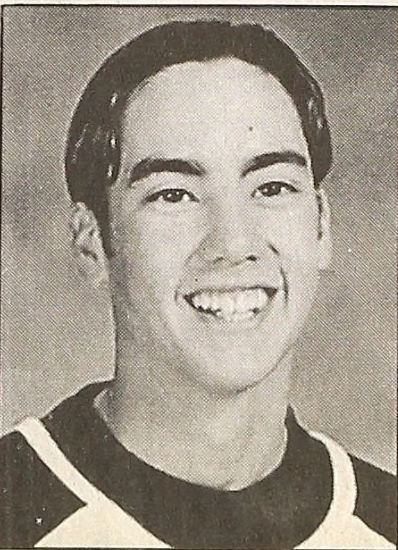
brackets:

Trovas (Dave Hickey - New Boston); Scores Bar (Darryl Zuch - Westland); R & K Tool (Mike Haugh - Novi); Prestige/Northwest Pipe/Calvert (Manfred Budnarowski - Sterling Heights); Plumbers & Pipefitters No. 388 (John Dobernack - Lansing); Perfection Plus Landscaping (Wade Evans - Dearborn Heights); Oakland Plumbing/Liberty Bank/TPS

(Tom Kaminski - Sterling Heights); Oakland Plumbing (Diane Scott - Sterling Heights) and Nagle/Clark/L.P.S. (Jim Clark - Pickney).

Also entered this year are: Mountain Top/Worth (John Rector - Northville); Metro Glass (Eric Babler - Westland); Journeymen (Steve Swope - Westland); Jimmies/Varsity/Ques/ Easton (Larry Quartuccio - Westland); Grotto Club (Dave Hatler - Jackson).

Also entered are Gongas Graphics (David Davidson - Ypsilanti); Gekle Roofing/Bandits (Bob Gekle - Lansing); Expert Carpet/Precision Construction (John Sims, East Point) and All Beer Tent (Tim Doyle - Northville).



Dale Hayes

Missing All-Area nominee shows up

Dale Hayes played a major role in Westland John Glenn's successful drive for the Division I district and regional baseball championships.

The Rockets, which went the furthest in the post-season playoffs than any of the local teams eventually fell to Brighton in the state quarterfinals.

A righthanded pitcher, who amassed a 6-3 overall record, Hayes came through when needed for the Rockets. The junior righthander fanned 50 and walked 21 in 66 innings of work. His photo was inadvertently misplaced and did not appear with last week's All-Area baseball lineup. To complete that lineup, the MCN sports staff has decided to run the photo this week.

Also missing from last week's traditional post-season story was mention of Wayne Memorial sophomore center-fielder Scotty Teasdale's name in the Honorable Mention listing.

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DEA hires Canton sergeant

Sergeant Charles Raycraft was recently presented with a "professional Excellence Award" by the Michigan State Police and the Drug Enforcement Agency (D.E.A.) for his role in helping to "eradicate and successfully prosecute a well established, global trafficking drug network."

In January, 1995 while assigned to Canton's Investigations Bureau, Detective Raycraft was picked to lead an investigation following the seizure of narcotics and \$13,000 in cash during raid of a home executed by the Western Wayne Narcotics agency.

As lead investigator, then Det. Raycraft initiated extensive criminal background checks on all occupants of the house and as a result of findings enjoined investigations with the D.E.A. Under his oversight, the investigation entailed numerous debriefings of their primary informant. The information obtained was verified by countless hours of surveillance and numerous witness interviews. With probable cause obtained, three additional search warrants were executed in Detroit and Lansing, resulting in seizure of 180 pounds of marijuana, two additional arrests and concrete evidence linking the activity to their initial, primary suspect.

Evidence gathered under the leadership of Det. Raycraft led investigators to their suspect's out-of-state supplier and a network of nearly twenty major marijuana traffickers within the Detroit and western Wayne County area. It has resulted in several arrests as well as ongoing investigations.

Primary scheduled for Aug. 4

Residents should make sure to vote in Canton on August 4!

This year's August 4 primary election includes a wide array of races as well as Canton's 2-mill road improvement proposal.

Among the races this August are primaries for Michigan Governors as well as for both the Michigan State Senate (8th and 9th districts) and the State House of Representatives (18th and 21st districts).

Other races include the U.S. House of Representative seat for the 13th district, the Wayne County Commissioner seat for the 11th district and the County Executive.

Residents will also cast ballots for judge in both circuit court and court of appeals as well as vote on Proposal J (a renewal of the county jail millage).

Canton's 2-mill road proposal is also on the ballot.

Polls throughout Canton will open on election day at 7 a.m. to close at 8 p.m.

Applications for absentee voting ballots are available through the Canton Clerk's Office. Those applications and ballots will be available through Saturday, August 1 (the Clerk's office will be open that day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.).

Residents who are not sure if they are registered to vote in Canton or who not sure what precinct they will be voting in should contact the Clerk's Office at 397-5452.

Report vulnerable adult abuse

Telephone numbers to report the abuse, neglect or exploitation of vulnerable adults have changed as a result of the Wayne County Family Independence Agency consolidating its adult service programs.

The Adult Protective Services Hotline (313) 963-6006 is answered 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This number should be used to report

incidents or suspected incidents of abuse, neglect or exploitation of vulnerable adults. Abuse is harm or threatened harm to an adult's health or welfare caused by another person; neglect is harm to an adult's health or welfare caused by the inability of the adult to respond to a harmful situation and exploitation is the misuse of an adult's funds, property or per-

sonal dignity by another person.

The Adult Community Placement Hotline number, (313) 963-6004, should be used to refer individuals for placement in Adult Foster Care or Homes for the Aged. These referrals may be taken over the phone. The customer need not come to the office except in an emergency.

Canton hires three new patrolmen

The Public Safety Department has added three new patrol officers and one new PSSO (public safety service officer) to its roster.

Officers Craig Wilsher, 25 of Detroit, Erik Kaledas, 23 of Garden City and Brandon Smith, 20 of Plymouth Twp.

were recently hired by the Department as patrol officers and Elizabeth Innes, 20 of Plymouth Twp. was hired for the positions of PSSO.

Ofc. Wilsher was previously employed as a police officer with the city of Detroit before joining Canton.

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Drunk driving audit released

Drunk driving arrests remained constant in 1997, according to the just-released 1997 Michigan Annual Drunk Driving Audit.

The audit, distributed by the Michigan State Police, Office of Highway Safety Planning, contains statewide and county information regarding drunk arrests and crashes as well as the convictions taking place when the cases are brought to court.

In 1997 there were 60,665 alcohol-related arrests in Michigan compared to 61,119 in 1996. When compared to 1969 arrests figures, drunk driving arrests in Michigan have increased more than 284 percent.

In addition, there has been a decrease of 40.5 percent in the number of alcohol-related fatal crashes since 1969.

The year 1984 still remains the leading year in drunk driving arrests with 79,812. Drunk driving arrests in the Upper Peninsula increased by 28 arrests while arrests in the Lower Peninsula decreased by 482 arrests.

Two of Michigan's 83 counties showed a significant increase with Kalkaska county increasing from 127 in 1996 to 255 in 1997 and Arenac county

While there still remains drunk drivers on Michigan roadways, their chances of getting caught have increased tremendously.

increasing from 134 in 1996 to 235 in 1997.

"The Office of Highway Safety Planning law enforcement, and a host of private agencies have, over the years, aggressively educated and enforced the importance of not driving drunk," said Betty J. Mercer, OHSP Director.

"While there still remains drunk drivers on Michigan roadways, their chances of getting caught have increased tremendously. With so many cellular phones now in use, we encourage the public to help out and report suspected drunk drivers by dialing 9-1-1.

Men continue to far outnumber women in drunk driving arrests. In 1997, 81 percent of those charged with an alcohol-related driving offense were male, down slightly from 83 percent in 1996. Youth arrests under the "Zero Tolerance" law increased six percent from

1996 to 1997.

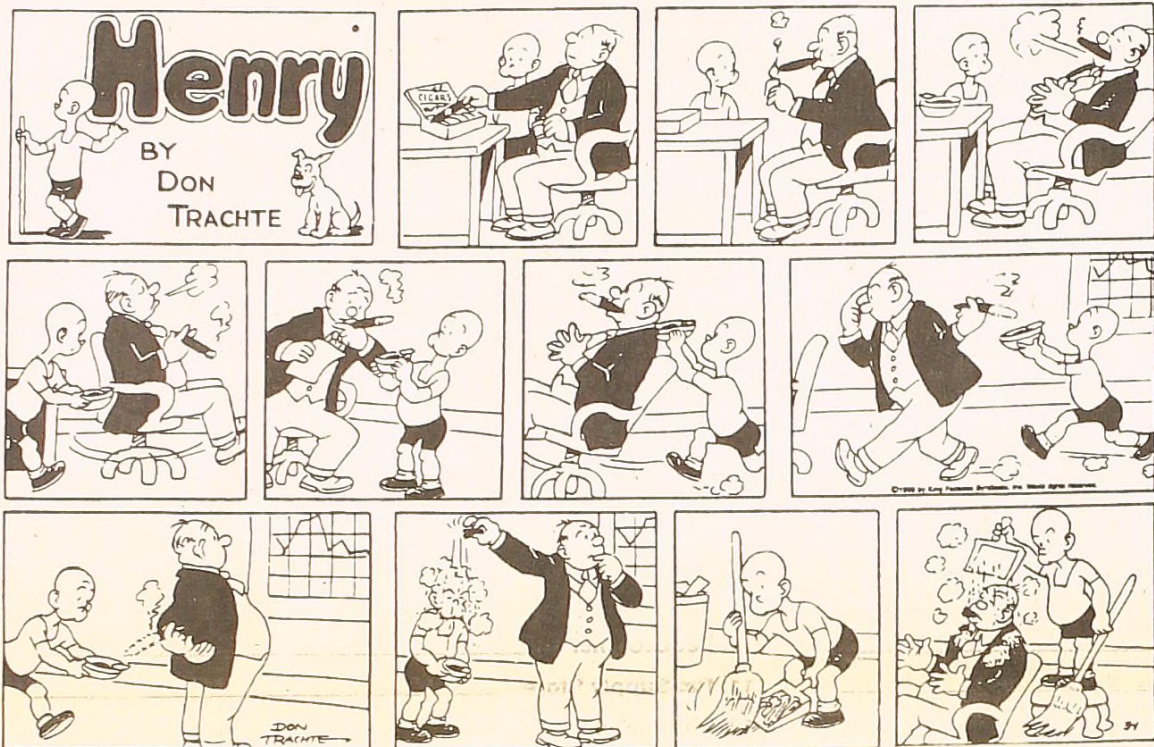
Of the 60,665 arrests for Operating under the influence of Intoxicating Liquor (OUIL), 45,070 tested at .10 BAC or higher, the per se intoxication level. The Department of State provides the resulting conviction (arrest disposition) data for this report from information furnishing by the courts.

In 1997, there were:

- 25,910 persons convicted of OUIL or Unlawful Bodily Alcohol Content (UBAC)
- 30,539 persons convicted for the lesser offense of Operating While Impaired
- 51 persons convicted for OUIL resulting in a death
- 70 persons convicted for OUIL resulting in a serious injury
- 1,605 persons convicted under the "Zero Tolerance" law
- 10 persons convicted of the Commercial Driver License offense of having a .04 BAC while operating a commercial motor vehicle

Overall, traffic fatalities declined in 1997, down almost 4 percentage points from 1996.

There were 1,446 traffic fatalities in Michigan last year. Of those, approximately 38 percent were alcohol-involved fatal crashes; 554 persons died as compared to 555 in 1996.



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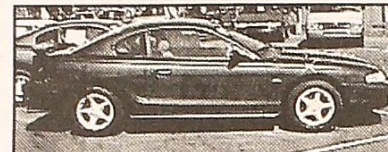
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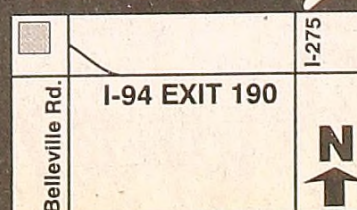
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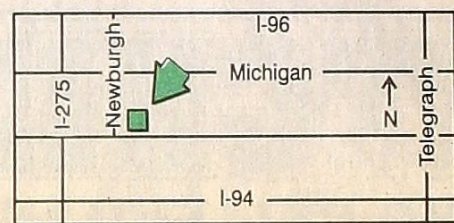


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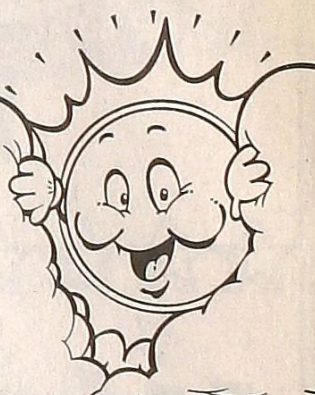
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